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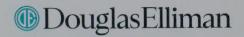
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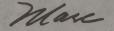
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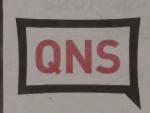
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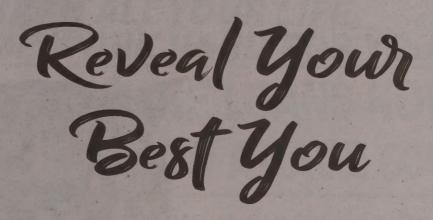
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Episode 74: This week on the "Dan's Talks" podcast, Dan speaks with Jennifer Fowkes, the newly appointed executive director of the Montauk Chamber of Commerce. For over a decade, the East Hampton native has worked as a volunteer in a variety of sports, religious and community organizations such as i-tri, the Bonac Booster Club and Most Holy Trinity Church.

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## SOUTH o'the HIGHWAY

### & NORTH TOO ...



RAMONA SINGER, LUANN DE LESSEPS

BY FLO ANTHONY

lthough Amagansett resident Andy Cohen recently announced Bravo's reboot of The Real Housewives of New York City with a new cast, and a second Read more Housewives show SOUTH O'THE featuring franchise **HIGHWAY** at favorites, Luann de Lesseps doesn't DansPapers.com think the show would be the same

Ramona Singer. De Lesshowed a few of her children craseps told *Page Six*, "Listen, I can't seed dling her tummy. She wrote, "They're

without Southampton's

a show without the Ramona Singer 'Stinger.' So, I'd be surprised if they didn't ask her back." De Lesseps also told the outlet she would love to continue being a part of the franchise.

her social media followers a first glimpse of her baby bump after announcing she and husband Alec Baldwin are expecting their seventh child together. On March 30, the Amagansett resident shared a few selfies on her Instagram Story that showed a few of her children crading her tummy. She wrote, "They're

so excited." According to *People*, Baldwin also told her followers that she is "nauseous, tired and happy." In other Baldwin family news, Alec was spotted eating gelato as he strolled around Rome on March 31. The actor is in the Italian capital city filming *Kid Santa*. According to *Variety*, the movie is a "live action/animation family Christmas comedy."

As a supermodel, Christie Brinkley has worn uncomfortable clothes for many photo shoots. However, the Bridgehampton resident said wearing her Lemur costume on The Masked Singer was one of her biggest challenges. "My tail, which looks like a fluffy feathery thing, was actually more like having a telephone pole strapped to my body. It was very

heavy," Brinkley told *People*. "And my shoes were inside my pants. So my shoes were not very comfortable. They were quite excruciating in fact." Brinkley only lasted one round on the Fox competition show before revealing herself on March 30. She sang Carole King's "I Feel the Earth Move."

A magansett homeowner Sarah Jessica Parker, who is getting rave reviews for *Plaza Suite*, which she and husband Matthew Broderick are starring in on Broadway, has teamed up with Oscar de la Renta to auction off the sparkly dress she wore to the premiere of *And Just Like That...* in December 2021. Bids for the dress can be made on de la Renta's resale platform, Encore. All proceeds from the auction will be donated to

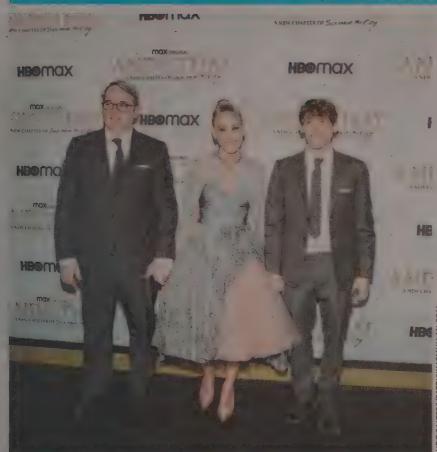


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## SOUTH o' the HIGHWAY

### A MORTH TOO.



MATTHEW BRODERICK, SARAH JESSICA PARKER AND JAMES WILKIE BRODERICK

UNICEF. Meanwhile, Parker's son, James Wilkie Broderick, was spotted tooling around Manhattan with his dad on bicycles on March 31.

Sean "Diddy" Combs represented East Hampton well at the 94th Academy Awards on March 27. In a tribute to the 50th anniversary of *The Godfather*, the rap impresario introduced Francis Ford Coppola, Robert De Niro and Al Pacino during the ceremony. In honor of the film, Combs had a custom 30-carat diamond pinky ring made, designed by jeweler Lorraine Schwartz. He was accompanied to the Oscars by his 16 year-old daughter, Chance Combs, who is an aspiring actress. Combs wasn't the only Hamptons celeb at the Oscars wearing Lorraine Schwartz jewelry. Also a resi-

dent of East Hampton, **Beyoncé**, who performed her Oscar-nominated song "Be Alive," from *King Richard*, was reportedly dripping in 150 carats worth of diamond bangles, along with two diamond rings: a 50-carat emerald-cut and a 20-carat cushion-cut sparkler.

### We Hear ...

According to the Riverhead News Review, Riverhead residents may have some sightings of Hollywood Alisters next month when Netflix crews and cast members hit town to film the upcoming thriller Leave the World Behind, based on Rumaan Alam's novel and starring Academy Award nominee Ethan Hawke and Oscar winners Julia Roberts and Mahershala Ali.

ring on Broadway in The prize and Music Man, and his wife Deborra-Lee Furness of East Hampton have been immortalized in a stunning portrait. According to The Daily Mail, the couple was painted by Australian artist Paul Newton for the prestigious 2022 Ar-

chibald prize. The top prize for the event is \$100,000 for the winning artist, as well as a \$5,000 people's choice

Tugh Jackman, currently star-prize and a \$3,000 packing room ring on Broadway in *The* prize.

Bridgehampton resident and gallerist
Charles Saffati will
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## Life's WORC and Family Center for Autism Gala Celebrates

Life's WORC, a nonprofit organization that provides group homes and community services for children with special needs and those on the autism spectrum, celebrated its 50th anniversary with a gala honoring its founder Victoria Schneps and Emmy Award-winning journalist Geraldo Rivera at the Garden City Hotel on April 1. It was Rivera's passionate coverage in the early 1970s that advocated the closing of the Willowbrook State School and ultimately lead to the development of group homes and day programs in the community. Montauk's Bill O'Reilly gave the keynote speech. The 400+ supportive guests in attendance came from Manhattan to Montauk and helped raise almost \$1 million. Schneps founded *Dan's Papers* parent company Schneps Media.

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Geraldo Rivera (honoree), Bill O'Reilly (keynote speaker)



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Geraldo Rivera's daughter Solita Liliana Rivera giving a heartfelt speech



Geraldo Rivera, Life's WORC honoree





Matthew Sebato, acting executive Bill O'Reilly (keynote speaker) and Geraldo Rivera (honoree) director, Life's WORC greet at the podium



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Grand Marshal Preston Jankowski



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Dominick Chiuchiolo's "Sunrise Over Tulips" is the winner of our Dan's Papers Signs of Spring Photo Contest! We received over 50 submissions to the contest (and some incredibly stunning runners-up images, which we will be showing on these pages in the coming weeks), but this stunning shot taken at Waterdrinker Farm in Manorville got our top vote. He will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Calissa restaurant in Water Mill. Congratulations, Dominick! Our new "April Showers" contest is open (see below and online for



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## NEWS & VIEWS

## Manslaughter Charges Dropped in North Fork Fatal ODs Case

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A Suffolk County judge has dismissed two manslaughter charges that an accused drug dealer was facing in the case of a string of fatal overdoses on the North Fork last summer.

Lavain Creighton of Greenport is still up against multiple counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell after Judge John Collins dropped the manslaughter charges.

"We are very pleased that Justice Collins appropriately applied the law that requires actual reckless conduct to establish a charge of manslaughter," said Creighton's Riverhead-based attorney, Lane Bubka. "For too long the district attorney's office has tried to use a statute that was never intended for inadvertent deaths caused by overdose incidents."

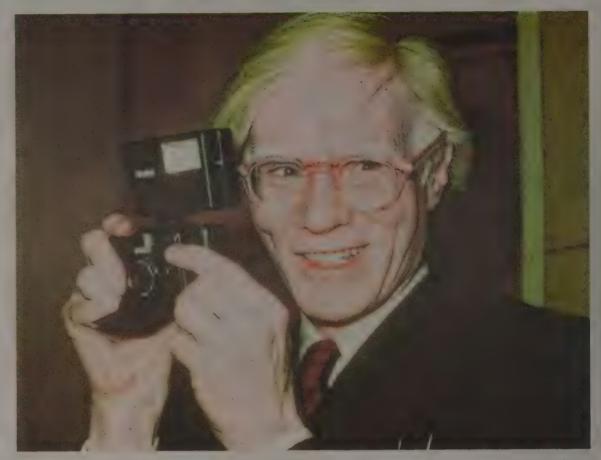
His arrest came days after a series of eight overdoses, six of which proved fatal, between August 5 and 13, that have been connected to a batch of fentanyl-laced cocaine on the North Fork and Shelter Island, authorities have said

Creighton had allegedly sold the lethal drugs that caused two of the fatal overdoses and had sold drugs to a third individual who died of a fatal overdose, prosecutors have said. The evidence included undercover detectives purchasing drugs from the suspect and text messages from one of the victims to Creighton, according to investigators.

Prosecutors declined to comment on the charges being dismissed. Creighton still faces up to 10 years in prison, if convicted of the drug charges.



LAVAIN CREIGHTON



POP ARTIST ANDY WARHOL IN 1976 (PHOTO: RICHARD DREW/ AP PHOTO)-

## Montauk's Warhol Dispute Heading to Supreme Court

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear arguments in a pivotal copyright case involving late Montauk homeowner and influential Pop artist Andy Warhol's works depicting the iconic musician Prince.

The high court agreed to weigh in on the dispute after the Manhattan-based 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a lower court's ruling that Warhol's Prince series based on photographer Lynn Goldsmith's image was "fair use," meaning the artist didn't commit copyright infringement because he transformed the photo.

Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts attorney Roman Martinez said he welcomed the Supreme Court's decision to hear the case and hopes it will "recognize that Andy Warhol's transformative works of art are fully protected by law." He argued that the appeals court ruling created "a cloud of legal uncertainty" for an entire genre of art like Warhol's.

Goldsmith said in a statement that she too looks forward to continuing the fight.

"Five years ago, the Foundation sued me to obtain a ruling that it could use my photograph without asking my permission or paying me anything for my work," Goldsmith said. "I fought this suit to protect not only my own rights, but the rights of all photographers and visual artists to make a living by licensing their creative work — and also to decide when, how and even whether to exploit their creative works or license others to do so."

Warhol, who died in 1987, created a series of 16 aftworks based on a 1981 photo of Prince taken by Goldsmith. The series came about after *Vanity Fair* commissioned Warhol to create an illustration of Prince in 1984 to accompany a magazine article. The magazine paid \$400 to license Goldsmith's photograph for Warhol to use as a reference to create his prior work.

The agreement limited the use of the photograph to the single instance in the magazine and required *Vanity Fair* to give credit to Goldsmith, among other things. In 2016, after Prince's death, the magazine published a tribute issue with one of Warhol's works on the cover. It did not include credit to Goldsmith, who has said it was only then that she became aware of the Prince series.

The 2nd Circuit decided that a transformative work must have a "fundamentally different and new artistic purpose and character," and that Warhol's paintings were "much closer to presenting the same work in a different form."

The case will be argued after the Supreme Court begins its new term in October. The resulting ruling could help clarify when and how artists can make use of the work of others.

~ With Reuters

## NEWS & VIEWS

## How to Get a Second COVID Booster at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Stony Brook Southampton Hospital is now offering the second COVID-19 vaccine booster to those 50 years and older who received their first booster at least four months ago, as per a recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, the hospital's COVID PCR and Influenza testing days and hours have changed, and are detailed below. For more information, or to make an appointment visit southampton.stonybrookmedicine.edu.

As of April 4, vaccines became available by appointment on Wednesdays through the rear entrance of Parrish Memorial Hall at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, 240 Meeting House Lane (corners of Herrick Road and Lewis Street) in Southampton.

The Moderna mRNA vaccines and boosters will be offered from 10 a.m.-noon, followed by Pfizer-BioNTech from noon-6 p.m.

In accordance with CDC's recommendation, updated NY State Department of Health guidance acknowledges the increased risk of severe disease for certain populations, making a second mRNA booster available for those who may choose to increase their protection further, as explained above (those ages 50+ who received a first booster at least four months ago).

New Yorkers ages 18–49 who received the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine as both their primary series dose and initial booster dose may receive a second booster dose of an mRNA vaccine at least four months after their first booster dose.

New Yorkers ages 12 and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised may choose to receive a second booster dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) at least four months after their first booster dose.

Walk-ins will be accepted following scheduled appointments if time permits, but appointments are encouraged and advised.

The hospital asks anyone getting a shot to wear short sleeves for ease of injection and to remember ID and COVID vaccination card. To cancel or reschedule an appointment, refer to the confirmation email and click "Change Your Appointment."

## STONY BROOK SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL COVID PCR & INFLUENZA TESTING

Testing (drive-thru and walk-in) also occurs at Parrish Memorial Hall at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital. Appointments are encouraged by calling 631-396-6400, though walk-ins are also being accepted during the below hours.

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POLICE POSE WITH THE SEAL PUP



POLICE TURNED THE SEAL PUP OVER TO MARINE BIOLOGISTS

## Seal Pup Found in Flanders Traffic Circle

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A seal pup found in the Flanders traffic circle on the morning of April 3 was turned over to marine biologists who took it in for evaluation, Southampton Town Police said.

Officers responded to a 911 caller reporting the seal off Woodhull Road in the Thrifty Beverage parking lot and upon arrival, the seal fled southwest in the direction of the Budget Host Motel at 6:31 a.m., police said.

Officers surrounded the seal, which they identified as a juvenile harbor seal, and detained it at the scene before experts with the nearby New York Marine Rescue Center

(NYMRC) arrived to take it into custody.

On Monday, NYMRC director Danielle Perillo said the seal was unhurt and "doing well," and that they do not believe it was at the traffic circle due to any human interaction. "We believe he came from the Peconic River," Perillo said, pointing to the body of water that flows beneath Peconic Avenue just north of the circle and directly connects with Flanders Bay to the east. She said it likely climbed a fish ladder while foraging for food in the river.

"Our goal is for all animals to be released, and that will be the case with this seal as well," Perillo added, explaining that the seal would be released back into the wild at a later date.

## \$50K Powerball Ticket Sold in Riverhead

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A third-prize winning Powerball ticket worth \$50,000 was purchased at the Shop-Rite store in Riverhead, the New York Lottery announced following the April 2 drawing.

The winning ticket has four matching numbers (6-28-47-58-59) and the Powerball (18). The winner, who had not yet come for-

ward as of press time, has one year from the date of the drawing to claim their prize. Another local \$50,000 Powerball ticket, bought in Sag Harbor, was not claimed in January.

Powerball drawings are televised every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 11 p.m. The most recent jackpot was an estimated \$231 million, for which there were no winners as of press time.

### DAN'S COLUMN

## Bureaucrats Running Amok

BY DAN RATTINER

For nearly 350 years, a group known as the town trustees, created by the King of England in 1688, has overseen the upkeep of the three magnificent ponds in the Hamptons that stick down like daggers between Montauk Highway and the Atlantic Ocean: Georgica, Sagg and Mecox

The trustees are elected officials—one group in East Hampton, another in Southampton (and a third in Southold)—who are completely separate from the town boards of those three towns. They have separate offices, their own small budgets and their own enforcement agents, and are answerable only to the townspeople, who own those pond bottoms.

The trustees not only oversee the three pond bottoms, they also oversee all lakes, bays, streams, and river bottoms in the towns. So if you throw garbage into any of these waters, you will be ticketed and fined by the trustees, not the town.

Visitors are largely unaware of the distinction between the towns and the trustees. But once a year, when the level of the water in the three ponds gets toward overflowing, people become aware of what they do. The trustees cut a narrow temporary trench through the sandy beach between the southern coastline of each pond and the Atlantic Ocean to let the water out. This cut is only a few hundred yards in length.

On the day the ponds are let, the public is told to stay away as backhoes and earthmovers are out there doing the job. After that, people can come down to the cut to swim across it or fish in it or ride the current on a raft (at their own risk) or just set up a folding chair and enjoy watching the overflowing water drain, wildly at first then slower and slower until it stops.

Early Southampton town records offer numerous mentions to the let-

ting of the ponds. The first entry appears in 1644, a generation before the king's edict formalized the operation. That year, the town magistrates or-

dered that "every one in the say'd

town from 16 years old to 60 ... in their own persons shall be ready so often in the yeare to cutt open sufficiently a gut at meacoxe ..."

In 1652, an entry reports that settler Isack Willman "in a passionate manner said

that some of them ... knew noe more what belonged to the sepoose than a dog." (The word "seapoose" in the Shinnecock language" translates to "small river.") On September 19, 1905, it was noted that five teams of horses pulled on plows for three hours one afternoon to make the cut.

Why make the cut? Left by itself, a pond takes in fresh water from driving rains and inland streams. When it overflows, it floods the area around it, including shoreline basements, then washes over the three ponds' southern shore to rush out into the sea, carving away that southern shore so severely that when it's done, the ocean rushes in and fills it partially with salt water. Pond creatures do not do well when a pond is constantly changing its salinity. But when it is kept partly salty and brackish, oysters and clams thrive in great abundance. The trustees make the cut to keep it that way. More food for the table.

Many think the Shinnecocks were letting the pond even before the white men arrived. The Indians had shown the newly arrived settlers how to plant and harvest corn and potatoes. It's possible they also showed them how they got clams and oysters to thrive in great abundance.

Since the 1970s, when many state and federal environmental regulations went into effect, inspectors with clipboards from the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) have agreed that the trustees were in charge of the Mecox Bay bottom. But they were not in charge



of the top. Excess water removal is on the top. The trustees would have to get a DEC permit to let the pond every 10 years, but In 2016, no new permit was forthcoming.

Was there something wrong? The DEC said they wanted to look into this further. They had hired experts. They were doing studies. They were expecting reports.

That year, Mecox Bay was never let. The result was an almost total die-off of the oyster and clam population in Mecox Pond. In 2017, there was still no DEC permit. As a result, Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman declared a state of emergency.

"It's hard for me to believe that these environmentalists want to see the wholesale destruction of this ecosystem," he told *The Southampton Press*. The toxic red tide arrived that year. But his emergency powers, he was told, would only last for one year, and only for a single trench 10 feet across, not the necessary 100 feet across.

Since that time, Schneiderman has issued four more emergency permits, one each for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. But with the narrow trench, he is slowly losing the battle. Mecox Bay, after the modest restoration in 2017, suffered further salinity imbalance, more red ride and tens of thousands of tons of beach sand, drifting from east to west down the beach as it usu-

ally does, to slide into Mecox Bay, largely stopping it up. This is sand that oceanfront homeowners from Georgica to Water Mill have paid \$15 million to have dumped in front of their homes to keep them safe.

Finally, four weeks ago, the DEC granted a multiyear permit to the trustees for a proper cut. But not for 10 years — just for five. And only if they can get the "cut" made before the April 1 start date when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency allows the piping plover birds to begin nesting on Hamptons beaches. No cut allowed after those particular endangered birds arrive.

So this year's cut was rushed through.

Explaining why the permit was for five years rather than 10, DEC Deputy Permit Administrator Sheri Archer offered this bureaucratic gibberish:

"... Due to the dynamic nature of the environmental conditions at the site, we have made the determination that the initial term of the permit will be five years."

Not to mention that the crazy dynamic nature was entirely caused by the DEC.

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UKRAINIAN REFUGEES TANIA, 2, AND GALINA, 11, WAIT IN THE TICKET HALL AT PRZEMYSL GLOWNY TRAIN STATION, AFTER FLEEING THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE, IN POLAND, APRIL 4, 2022.

# Ukraine Calling: Some on East End Travel to Eastern Europe to Assist in Crisis

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

While millions of Ukrainians flee the Russian invasion that has caused widespread suffering across the Eastern European nation, a few East End residents are heading into the fray to assist in person

They include a chef who has been helping bring food and other supplies to volunteers on the front lines of the conflict for weeks and a rabbi who is flying to Poland to aid refugees at the Ukrainian border for about a week this month. Both men hail from East Hampton but neither is of Ukrainian descent.

"We're supposed to understand what it feels like to be refugees, to understand their plight, to understand and to really have empathy for their experience," said Rabbi Josh Franklin of the Jewish Center of the Hamptons, noting the timing of his trip coming right before Passover, which commemorates the Isrealites' exodus from ancient Egyptian slavery. "Now we're going to make sure we can help other people who are going through that same experience that we went through."

More than 4 million Ukrainians have fled their homeland since the start of what Russia calls its "special operation" in Ukraine, U.N. agencies say. Almost 2.5 million of them have crossed into Poland and more are still arriving — though the numbers have slowed since the start of the war, according to Poland's border guard service. President Joe Biden said in late March that the United States would accept up to 100,000 Ukrainians to resettle in the country this year.

Franklin said that as a descendant of German refugees who fled the Nazis in the 1930s, he needed to answer the call to assist those displaced by the biggest attack on a European nation since World War II.

"Most of our community does have similar stories coming from Eastern Europe as refugees," he said.

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"And it's not just Jewish refugees that we're concerned about. We're worried about all of them."

Franklin said his congregation has raised "a very fair amount of money" in addition to gathering supplies to assist weary volunteers on the border of Poland and Ukraine, but he declined to specify exactly how much.

His five-day trip from April 9 to 14 will be as part of a rabbinical mission with a delegation of American and Israeli rabbis in partnership with on-the-ground refugee aid organizations, including the Jewish Community Center of Krakow. He'll be home in time for Passover, which starts April 15 and runs through April 23.

"Passover reminds us that once upon a time, we too were refugees leaving Egypt, and that when we see tyranny and oppression, it's our moral responsibility to alleviate the contemporary suffering that we too endured long ago," he wrote in an email to his congregation.

The mission trip will also give him the responsibility of bearing witness to the crisis firsthand and bringing what he learns back to the East End.

"We're getting the news stories, but we're not getting the stories of the people who are actually fleeing," he said. "We're not really hearing from the refugees themselves. And my role will be to go over there and bring back the stories for our community."

Across the border in Ukraine, Kristofer Kalas, the chef/owner of the restaurant Hello Oma, has been traveling across the war-torn nation with a band of volunteers trying to assist those in the middle of the conflict that started on Feb. 24. His calling came from the fact that his family had split their time between the South Fork and his wife's homeland for several years. He could not be reached for comment as of press time.

"My focus is making sure that there's still a Ukraine for my daughter to grow up in," Kalas told Eyewitness News. "We have so much that we can do and each day is not enough so we just, we just try to focus one day at a time and keep things moving."

While the efforts of Kalas and Franklin have gone beyond the local donation drives, charity concerts and other efforts aimed at helping Ukrainians, they are not the only ones from the greater Long Island area who've gone overseas to assist the boots on the ground. So, too, have Neina Vetrano, a former Romanian tour guide, and her husband, Pastor Justin Vetrano, of The LIFE Lutheran Church in Westbury.

"What we saw was overwhelming," Justin said.
"The children were wonderful and so sweet —
they're kids, kind of on an adventure. But the mothers and grandmothers, you can just see this glazed
look in their eyes. Some of them would just break
down in your arms."

Alexis Antilla, a New York-native college student who was acting as a combat medic for a team of fighters in Ukraine, was herself injured in a land mine explosion, she told Reuters at a hospital near the capital Kyiv last month.

"I felt a calling to come here, I felt like it was the right thing to do, I feel like what's happening here, what (Russian President Vladimir) Putin is doing, is evil," she said. "There is no need to put millions and millions of people through the suffering and torment that they are going through, and I felt I had to be here to help in any way that I could."



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## Amagansett Oceanfront Home Sells for \$32 Million, Plus Historic Bluff Road Summer Cottages Change Hands



THE PARCEL AT 336 BLUFF ROAD, WHICH SOLD FOR . \$6.345 MILLION ON MARCH 4, AND, IN THE DISTANCE, 325 BLUFF ROAD, ON THE OCEAN, WHICH SOLD FOR \$32 MILLION IN A SEPARTE OFF-MARKET DEAL.

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

A n oceanfront in Amagansett with a Bluff Road address sold for \$32 million last month, along with a nearby historic summer cottage on Bluff Road that traded for more than \$6 million the same day. These transactions come on the heels of a \$7 million sale of a neighboring historic summer cottage and amid a flurry of activity in Amagansett.

The \$32 million sale of **325 Bluff Road**, set on 2.59 acres along the ocean between Indian Wells and Atlantic beaches, is among the biggest trades so far this year. It was not clear who brokered the deal, as it was an off-market transaction.

According to Suffolk County deed transfers, March 4 was also closing day for **336 Bluff Road**, a 0.67-acre lot overlooking the 100-acre Atlantic Double Dunes Preserve. The two properties were purchased by different limited liability companies — Bluff Road Associates LLC and 336 Bluff Road LLC.

The Gilbert Family Trust sold the oceanfront spread, which last changed hands in 2012 for \$7.9 million when George SB Gilbert and Katharine Gilbert sold it to the trust.

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The classic home at 336 Bluff Road was built just before the turn of the 20th century, one of 14 summer cottages built along the top of the bluff overlooking the dunes and the Atlantic Ocean, establishing what is now the Bluff Road Historic District in East Hampton Town.

Just last week, deed transfers showed another one of those historic cottages, this one at **288 Bluff Road**, sold in late January for \$7 million. The listing agent, Kieran Brew of Saunders & Associates, told Behind The Hedges back in October, "These homes seldom become available for sale."

The 3,200-square-foot home Brew sold exudes old-world charm with period dentil moldings and

wood floors throughout and a classic Hamptons look, though the house was modernized over the last decade. Lori Sobel from Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty brought the buyer. The last asking price was \$7 million.

All 14 cottages face south with windows and porches that open to the ocean view and breezes, according to historic guidelines for the district. "These 14 historic houses of Amagansett's summer colony share a similar modest size and an informal and unpretentious design," the record says.

The 3,500-square-foot home at 336 Bluff Road, which sold for \$6.345 million, has been in the same family for the past 90 years, according to the listing. Breuchaud LLC was listed as the seller. "This home offers endless possibilities for a discerning buyer who desires to be in the Amagansett Lanes but wants to wake up to stellar ocean views," the listing reads.

The home begins with a front porch for enjoying ocean breezes and offers five bedrooms, five bathrooms, a living room with a fireplace, an updated kitchen and a formal dining room. A free-form gunite pool can be found in the backyard. There is a lower-level garage, in addition to a detached garage, and a walkout basement.

The home at 336 Bluff Road was listed for sale on November 6, 2021, for \$6.4 million with Deidre Jowers of Corcoran. It seems to have quickly gone into contract, showing a pending sale on November 26. The final sale price was \$6,345,000 on March 4, 2022. Kim and Rick Slater of Sotheby's International Realty represented the buyer.

The \$32 million home at 325 Bluff Road is one of the non-historic houses in the historic district. In the town's review of the historic district, it said "325 Bluff Road has a unique circumstance being set back approximately 900 (feet) south of Bluff Road."

### **RECENT AMAGANSETT SALES**

Amagansett real estate continues to be much desired.

Most recently, an oceanfront home atop the dunes sold last week for \$7.25 million. Timothy O'Connor and J.R. Kuneth of Brown Harris Stevens exclusively represented the listing at 323 Marine Boulevard, sold by Marshall

Oreck, a founder and executive at Oreck Corporation, the well-known manufacturer of vacuum cleaners and other cleaning equipment, for more than a half-century.

Suffolk County deed transfers this week showed **256 Marine Boulevard**, a 1.5-acre property with a 4,000-square-foot home designed by the noted architect Frank Hollenbeck, sold for \$13.135 million on December 16, 2021. James Giugliano and



THE HOME AT 288 BLUFF ROAD IN AMAGANSETT SOLD ON JANUARY 27 FOR 57 MILLION.

Kamala Raphael of Nest Seekers International had the listing.

Just a short distance away from the Bluff Road homes, a 1.34-acre estate at 467 Further Lane with a 5,200-square-foot house sold for \$12.5 million on March 7. Jonathan Milioti and John Gicking of Compass represented the sellers.

A Bates Masi-designed home at **159 Atlantic Avenue**, just one block from the ocean, kicked off the year, selling for \$8.35 million. Timothy O'Connor of Brown Harris Stevens represented the seller and Michael Schultz of Corcoran brought the buyer.

In the Amagansett Lanes, a Bauhaus-inspired modern home at 74 Bluff Road with walls of glass on a 0.41-acre-property landscaped by LaGuardia Design, sold for \$5.15 million on December 29, 2021. It had been listed with Rylan Jacka of Sotheby's International Realty for \$5.2 million.

North of the highway, a vacant 1.6-acre lot at **328 Cranberry Hole Road**, with panoramic views of a 140-acre reserve to the south, sold in February for \$2.15 million. There is already an approval in place for a 4,000-square-foot modern home by MB Architects, which will include a roof deck with a water view. Jacka also had the listing.

### **BIGGEST SALES IN 2022 SO FAR**

As the fourth quarter finishes out, the biggest sale recorded so far this year is the \$84.5 million trade for Ron Perelman's estate on Lily Pond Lane in East Hampton in early January.

An oceanfront home on three acres at 7 Fairfield Pond Lane in Sagaponack, which sold in January for \$50 million, is second. Bespoke Real Estate represented both the buyer and seller.

The sale of 325 Bluff Road in Amagansett is the third priciest sale so far in 2022, but if a Sagaponack deal that was inked last week goes through, it could oust it from the spot depending on how the numbers shake out. As *Hedges* reported last week, two parcels, asking for a combined \$48 million, are under contract.





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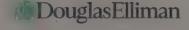
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

# Honoring This Week's Cover Artist:

# Carol Luz



CAROL LUZ WITH JUDY AND ELROY

# BY DAVID TAYLOR

In honor of this issue's special Pets section, the cover features the art of Carol Luz, known for her delightful depictions of her dogs and their friends. Here, she discusses her muse, warm weather inspirations and more.

# Tell our readers about this piece's title, inspiration and creation.

This piece is called "Ice Cream Time!" The three pooches spent all day at the beach and decided to go into town to the local ice cream shop. It's one of their favorite things to do after a long day of surfing. Bubba loves chocolate milkshakes. Snickers always gets two big scoops of strawberry and vanilla ice cream. Concetta likes mint chocolate chip.

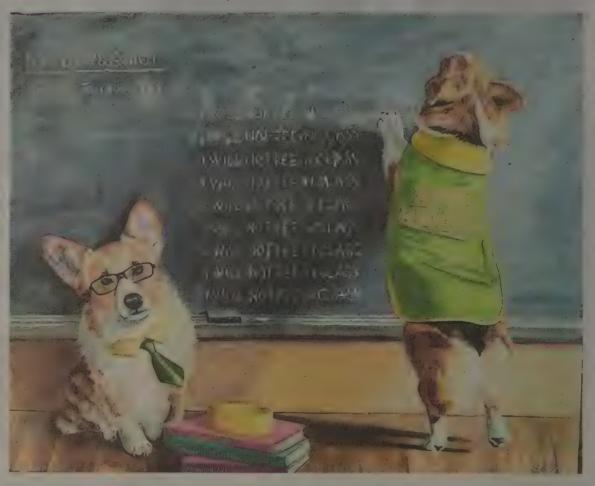
Growing up we used to do the same thing. Spend the day at the beach and then head into town to the local ice cream shop and get some ice cream — then head home.

# What is it about dogs that continues to inspire you creatively?

What inspires my creativity with painting dogs is their expressions! I'm always wondering what they are thinking about. One day Elroy was overly affectionate, pawing me, kissing me, sitting on top of me. I thought how cute, Elroy is being a snuggle bunny. Then I realized my husband was in the kitchen cooking. Whenever one of us is in the kitchen cooking, Elroy becomes very clingy because he doesn't like the sound of the smoke alarm. Which goes off often.

# Tell our readers about your dogs and what adventures they've been getting up to lately.

My dogs, Judy and Elroy, have been acting like the "Dog Mafia" of our neighborhood. As soon as I let them



ART BY CAROL LUZ

outside, they start barking and then all the other dogs in the area bark back. If they don't like you — watch out, they will take you out. Especially, if you are a cat or a squirrel. Fungeddaboudit.

Judy has a little crush on this rottweiler named Bruno, who lives on the hill above us. They are always yapping with each other and knocking over garbage cans together. It takes me forever to get her to come inside when Bruno is out. And then we have a young dog, new to the neighborhood, Gringo. He's a poodle mix. Judy and Elroy haven't decided if they like him yet. He's still considered a newbie. They don't trust him fully yet.

# If you could keep any animal as a pet (assuming it's safe/pleasant for both of you), what animal would you choose?

You have to ask? The animal I would choose for a pet would be a dog. Actually, I would love to have many dogs. I would have Jack Russells, bull terriers, corgis, Boston terriers, fox terriers — Cesar Milan would be my neighbor — most definitely.

# OK, back to art. How do your inspirations and creative process change as the weather gets warmer?

As the weather gets warmer, I like to do more paintings of dogs doing summertime human things. I'm not much of a winter person. I prefer the beach to snow. My creative process stays the same.

# What is one artistic hope or goal you have for this summer or this year?

My one artistic hope/goal for this year is to be



ART BY CAROL LUZ

represented by an art gallery. At some point I would love to paint full-time. Right now, I'm building up my inventory of paintings, working on my website and trying to learn about the business of art.

# Would you like to share any closing thoughts or additional info?

Thank you for viewing my artwork. I hope it brought a smile to your face!

I can be reached at carolfo1@gmail.com. My websites are dailypaintworks.com/artists/carol-luz-13802 and carolluzart.com. Framed prints can be purchased at Mustique in Westhampton Beach.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

# 'Hamptons' Poet Lucas Hunt Takes On 'New York' in New Book

BY OLIVER PETERSON

A little more than two years after releasing *Hamptons*, his last book of poetry with publisher Thane & Prose, Lucas Hunt is back with *New York*, a collection of 79 lexical snapshots of the city as described by an evolving author, from gobsmacked visitor to integrated cog in the urban machine.

Now available for preorder, New York marks Hunt's third effort with Thane & Prose, which signed him for an unusually generous five-book deal. It was preceded by Iowa and Hamptons in 2019 and 2020, respectively, and will eventually be followed by Paris and Rome. Throughout autobiographical series, Hunt chronicles his experiences in satisfying lyrical vignettes with adroit language and rhythm.

Early in the book, Hunt's poem "Empire State" speaks of New York's power to inspire as he commands his reader to, "Sing the spring chorus of muses" in place of activity and

energy, a city where "flowering avenues support a pageantry of small feet, wings fly, immerse windows in light and let fervent rain water budding parks" as "fingers of grass massage nude backs and bed the lovers" — one can almost smell the season.

Later, in "Solitude," a more jaded voice emerges, breaking a single, painfully desolate sentence into four poignant lines, speaking volumes with just 20 well-crafted words:

I miss the elegance of joy and hurt to be human in public spaces, then go to a party alone.

Hunt points out that writing *New York* (much of which was created concurrently with *Hamptons* and *Iowa*) began with his introduction to the city, seeing it as a Middle American expat from Grant Wood, Iowa who was making "weekend warrior" trips from the Hamptons before he eventually moved to the outer boroughs with grand ideas and meager funds.



"NEW YORK"

"I started off in Brooklyn and, you'll see it in the book, staying at a friend's apartment on the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, like kind of dirty and dark. Then I moved to Long Island City for a few years, and now I'm in FiDi (the Financial District) in downtown Manhattan," Hunt says, describing his trajectory in the big city. He started as a literary agent with almost nothing and has since built Hunt, his eponymous company hosting auctions for 100–125 fundraising galas each year.

"I wanted to capture some of the initial amazement or wonderment that I experienced when I first came to New York in the year 2000," he explains. "So there were first impressions that I've been developing over time, certain timeless elements of the city that I wanted to keep in there — the laundromats, the people on the street, the dog walkers, guys playing 5-gallon buckets as drums, homeless people, and the cabs and cars and all that." But, Hunt adds, "Then there was the introduction of an element of harsh reality. No longer could the city stand as just a romantic setting for my art to flower. Suddenly it became an all-too-



**LUCAS HUNT** 

real obstacle course with sheer magnitudes and hard architecture and chaotic crowds, so over time actually living here, I think I was able to dig into the material foundations of life in New York and try to further develop some of those at-first romantic ideas that come out of visiting the city. ...

"Human nature became more of a character (in *New York*) than nature in the Hamptons. And that's ever changing and malleable, and confusing and intoxicating," Hunt says. "I think the perspective there is really starting at the bottom, which I did. We moved into the city from the Hamptons with just a little bit of savings and I tried to make my way."

Hunt's story should feel familiar to anyone who's made a similar pilgrimage to the Big Apple, but it also aligns well with what many young, creative people experience as they age and romance gives way to responsibilities, often compounding with each passing year. Thankfully for his wellbeing, and his readers' enjoyment, Hunt remains steadfast in his literary pursuits.

He intends to take some time promoting *New York* heavily before tackling the next two books in his series. "I have two manuscripts that I've been working on about Paris and Rome for probably about 12 years, but they're only like a third of the way done," Hunt says. "I have to live them to complete them."

To do that, the poet hopes to sell 2,500 copies of *New York* and use the royalties to spend a couple of months writing in Paris and Rome. But all that comes later. "I'm putting everything into *New York*," Hunt says, explaining that he plans to sell the book at outdoor markets in the city and do some events in the Hamptons and North Fork over the summer. "I want everybody who comes to New York to buy it."

New York is currently up for preorder at thaneandprose.com for a May 2 release. The hardcover and ebook will also be sold on Amazon, and an audiobook read by Hunt is due out this summer.





# INSURANCE ADVISER KEVIN LANG

10 tips for Maintaining a Wood-Burning Fireplace

The fireplace is the focal point of many homes. Consider these best practices for fireplace maintenance.

### Install Carbon Monoxide, Smoke Detectors

Issues like carbon monoxide poisoning or smoke in the house could arise when you have a clogged chimney.

### Remove Soot, Creosote

Both of these resides have to be removed professionally, if necessary, to prevent it from blocking airflow.

### **Check The Chimney**

Whether you have a masonry or metal chimney, it is vital that you regularly check it for any cracks, dents, or rust, as they could be signs of a bigger problem.

### **Use The Proper Wood**

Generally, wood should be dried for 6-12 months before they're good for burning in the hearth. To make them dry faster, it's best to split logs into small pieces of wood.

### **Test Before Using**

Just light up a few pieces of wood first and check if the smoke is released through the

chimney. If it enters the room, troubleshoot and correct the problem first before loading up lots of wood.

### Install a Blower and Heat Proof Glass Door

The glass door will not only prevent sparks and embers from tumbling out from the hearth into the room. A fan or blower installed will help circulate the heat.

# **Troubleshoot and Correct Problems**

For example, white stains in the bricks of the chimney can be a sign of too much moisture due to leakage.

### **Consider Safety Precautions**

Keep combustible carpets or furniture as far away from the hearth as possible, make sure you're using the proper tools to clean the fireplace, and never leave a fire unattended.

### Hire a Professional Chimney Sweep Have a certified chimney sweep inspect it at least once a year or more frequently.

In addition to this column's insurance tip of the week, I want readers to know they can call me for advice, questions or any coverage concerns at any time at 1-866-964-4434.





# Victoria SCHNEPS-YUNIS

It was a beautiful night as I accepted kudos for founding Life's WORC, along with the brilliant journalist Geraldo Rivera, for our work in helping impact the lives of people with special needs and autism.

It all started with my darling daughter Lara.



It seems like yesterday when, with great joy, after five years of marriage, Murray and I were having our first child. But within hours of her birth, Lara turned blue in the nursery and suffered irreparable brain damage.

Her life changed forever and so did ours.

The first year of her life was a search for an answer to her seizures. We were in and out of hospitals searching for a cure. Our journey for answers stopped when



# Week of recalling history



**Dr. Richard Ruben** looked us in the eyes and with a tender voice told us that Lara would forever be developmentally a 3-month-old.

Our hope for a cure crashed down on us. There was to be no cure, but being an optimist I hoped there would be a therapy program for her. But in 1969 and into 1970, there were no programs in the community.

And so Murray and I began the next journey from a cure to a place of hope and help.

Family friend Olga Rutner researched places near our home in Bayside. Some people shared places in Denmark and across the nation out west. I couldn't stand being far from my little darling, so when Olga told us about a place on Staten Island at the Willowbrook State School campus that had just opened an infant rehabilitation center called the "Baby Buildings," a place of hope that offered physical and occupational therapy daily, we thought that was the place for Lara.

So with many tears and fear, but also hope, we brought her to Willowbrook

Within weeks, several dear friends and family members

suggested we start a group to help the children like Lara at Willowbrook. So, from my living room sofa, WORC (Women's Organization for Retarded Children) was born.

Our wonderful women volunteered and raised money for the 5,400 people who lived there, but within the year, severe budget cuts from Gov. Nelson Rockefeller slashed the staff that took care of my Lara, who had to be fed, diapered and bathed,

Little did I know what was happening behind the dozens of closed wards. But **Dr. Wilkins**, a caring, but angry, frustrated doctor working on the large, 375-acre campus, had a friend in the media.



gram for people with special needs and autism.

The next step of services is in the plans, but a lot depends on the state budget about to be finalized.

Sadly, even as we accomplished miracles over the years, the "Willowbrook Wars" seem to never end.

The "Angels" who care for the people we serve are desperately in need of salary increases and funds for services for our clients after years of severe slashes. We must fight for them!

We all wait with hope that we can, as Bill O'Reilly said in his brilliant remarks at our gala, ensure that the pursuit of happiness be assured to the people who Life's WORC serves.

I know Life's WORC will continue and I am committed to what





has become my life's work!

My three surviving children, Elizabeth (born two years after Lara), Samantha (born six years after Lara) and Josh (born eight years after Lara) shared their loving feelings, delivered on a video they previously recorded. My heart swelled with pride.

Their beautiful children joined me on stage as we held hands to toast to the future. Their shining faces and the standing ovation in front of the more than 400 people at the Garden City Hotel's grand ballroom made me feel Lara up in heaven was looking down on us saying, "Thanks, Mom, and my Life's WORC friends!"

She lives on forever

See more photos from the event on QNS.com.



So in the dark of night, he snuck in with his friend Geraldo Rivera. They climbed walls and "crashed" past locked doors with Geraldo's cameraman to find shocking sights and sounds.

Sol, Erica and Geraldo

with Bill O'Reilly

People were half-naked, rocking on the floor with moaning sounds filling the concrete floors and walls.

Geraldo's tremendous, award-winning reporting exposed those conditions. His words still ring in my head: "I can show you the pictures. I can share the sounds. But how do I describe the smells?"

To this day, his Emmy Awardwinning coverage still draws tears to my eyes.

As the crisis at Willowbrook built, Murray believed the only way to help Lara and the thousands of people there was to file a federal class action lawsuit. So we did, and after years of what came to be called the "Willowbrook Wars," we were victorious in the courts and Willowbrook was finally closed. In its place, small family homes were created with nearby day programs in the community.

Fast forward to today and Life's WORC (formerly WORC) will be opening its 50th home and at our **50th Anniversary Gala**, raised \$1 million to build a job training pro-





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FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 8-10, 10 A:M.-4 P.M.

Quilters from all over Long Island will be stitching their way over to the Sag Harbor Inn, where they will use an Anna Maria Horner panel to begin a Hextravaganza quilt. A block of rooms has been set aside at a dis-

45 Water Street, Sag Harbor. 631-335-6672, ohsewsally.com

# **CARLOS PAVAN IN CONCERT**

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 8-9 P.M.

Enjoy this virtual presentation of fresh, lively jazz with a Latin influence, presented by Hampton Library in Bridgehampton. Register ahead of time for Zoom info.

631-537-0015,

# OUT & ABOUT IN THE HAMPTONS



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### HEALTH FAIR

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 10 A.M.

What better time to get healthy than springtime? Check out tables with lots of information on healthy eating, cancer prevention and tick awareness at the First Presbyterian Church of Amagansett. High school students can earn community service hours

360 Main Street, Amagansett, 631-267-6404, amagansettpc@optimum.net amagansettpresbyterian.org

# ZOOM BOOK GROUP: KLARA AND THE SUN BY KAZUO ISHIGURO

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 12:30-1:30 P.M. Enjoy a discussion on this fascinating novel about artificial intelligence and the meaning of love. *Klara and the Sun* is the eighth novel by Nobel Prizewinning British writer Kazuo Ishiguro. For Zoom info, contact Sally at

foml@montauklibrary.org 631-668-3377, montauklibrary.org

# VIRTUAL COOKING WITH CRAIG FACEBOOK LIVE COOKING DEMO

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Join Chef Craig from the Block Island Seafood Company and learn how to make a salmon burger with dill tartar sauce and homemade oven fries. You'll also see a demonstration for pan-seared scallops over a carrot and ginger purée.

631-728-6241, dvalle@hamptonbayslibrary.org, hamptonbayslibrary.org

# 20TH CENTURY INFLUENCERS: GARY COOPER

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 11 A.M.

Don't miss this virtual lecture on one of the greatest American film stars of all time. Gary Cooper has been nominated for five Best Actor Academy Awards, winning in 1942 for Sergeant York and again in 1953 for High Noon. 631-283-2494,

southamptonhistory.org

# ART EXHIBITIONS

# TOUR THE WATERMILL CENTER

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2:30-4 P.M.

Don't miss your chance to explore the carefully curated art collection, extensive library, manicured grounds and historical building a The Watermill Center. Advanced registration is required. Dress appropriately for both indoor and outdoor touring. 39 Water Mill Towd Road, Water Mill. 631-726-4628, watermillcenter.org

### **ARTGROOVE 2022**

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 9 & 10 See the works of 19 contemporary artists including world-renowned sculptor Hans Van de Bovenkamp, who will be debuting his new series of paintings People of Color. The opening Seeking event reception at Ashawagh Hall is Saturday, April photographers, email: 9, 6-10 p.m. and feaalagreca@danspapers.com tures live music by Angela LaGreca, The King Bees, an R&B band featuring Grammy winner Frank Latorre, and a dance party featuring DJ G-Funk's awesome dance mix! Then on Sunday, 2-5 p.m., The Heart of artGroove tea dance will raise money for Wings Over Haiti, The Ellen Hermanson Foundation and East

End Hospice with an exclusive art sale and dance part to the musical stylings of William Falkenburg. Gallery hours are noon–10 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m.–5 p.m. on Sunday. 780 Springs Fireplace Road, Springs. artgroove.us

# OUTCROPPING: INDIGENOUS ART NOW

ON VIEW THROUGH APRIL 10

Don't miss the last weekend to view this special exhibition at the Southampton Arts Center featuring the works of Shinnecock artists along with Indigenous artists from a wide array of sovereign nations throughout the United States. The exhibition will address native issues throughout the United States, including individual triumphs and struggles.

25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-0967,

southamptonartscenter.org

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THROUGH APRIL 24
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600 talented artists from
regional schools on East-

ern Long Island. The student exhibition is a 65-year tradition. Media includes painting, sculpture, drawing and textiles.

279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118, parrishart.org



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**PINK PEARL GALA 2019** 

**CURATED BY REBEKAH YAHOVES** 

# LIVE SHOWS

# ANNUAL PINK PEARL GALA

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 4-10 P.M.

The North Fork Breast Health Coalition will again celebrate breast cancer survivors, providers and caregivers at the annual Pink Pearl Gala of the nonprofit organization. The cocktail reception, seated dinner and dancing to music by Phil Schmidt of Make Some North Noise DJs will be held at Fork East Wind Long Island. 5768 New York 25A, Wading River. **EVENTS** 

### FOREVER RAY

631-208-8889,

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 8 P.M.

northforkbreasthealth.org

Fans of Ray Charles won't want to miss this performance at The Suffolk Theater, which features a blend of musical styles that include jazz, blues, country and R&B. Members of Forever Ray have performed and recorded with the likes of Ray Charles, Alicia Keys and Bruce Springsteen.

118 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343, suffolktheater.com

# TJ BROWN AT PINDAR VINEYARDS

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1-5 P.M.

TJ Brown is an acoustic soloist spe-

cializing in soft rock from the '60s to the present. Pindar Vineyards is known for its beautiful views and friendly staff. Together, they make for a gorgeous North Fork afternoon that can't be beaten!

37645 Main Road, Peconic. 631-734-6200, pindar.net

### **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

# SHELTER ISLAND ELECTRIC **BIKE TOUR**

SATURDAY, APRIL 9,

9 A.M.

Don't miss this invigorating opportunity to ride a Bosch-powered, pedal-assist e-bike on a lap of Shelter Island. You will meet at the Greenport MTA parking

lot, get fitted for your e-bike and enjoy a ferry ride across Greenport Harbor to Shelter Island. You'll whiz by waterfront mansions on your new vehicle before hopping back on the ferry to Greenport.

426 4th Street, Greenport. electricbikesagogo.com/shelter-island

### **SPRING EGG HUNT**

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 11 A.M.

Bring your whole family over to the Cutchogue New Suffolk Free Library for this outdoor event. Everyone participating will need their own collecting bucket. Be sure to arrive 15

minutes early. Individually wrapped refreshments will follow.

27550 Main Road, Cutchoque. 631-734-6360, cutchoguelibrary.org

# **BUILD-A-BAT BOX WORKSHOP**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 11 A.M.-12:30 P.M.** Get outdoors on Charnews Farm and build your own bat box. The step-bystep workshop includes all materials to make the box that will attract them to your landscape.

3005 Youngs Avenue, Southold. 631-283-3195, peconiclandtrust.org

# **ENRICHING PROGRAMS**

# **BEGINNER COUNTRY LINE** DANCING IN THE BARN

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 7-8:30 P.M. Learn to country line dance in the beautiful climate-controlled barn of Spirit's Promise Equine Rescue. All proceeds will go toward supporting the horses and programs. Advanced registration is required. 2746 Sound Avenue, Baiting Hollow. 631-875-0433, spiritspromise.com

danspapers.com

# SONG BIRDS OF LONG ISLAND

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 10 A.M. Join Dianne Taggart for this special event in the Grand Room of the Riverhead Library. You'll enjoy photos, sounds clips and stories about Long Island's most famous winged friends.

330 Court Street, Riverhead. 631-727-3228, riverheadlibrary.org

# REIKI ENERGY MOVEMENT CLASS

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 5:30-6:30 P.M. If you love reiki, you've got to check out the Shelter Island Public Library's online event that combines it with chair-quigong, meditation and visualization. The goal is stress reduction, as well as an increase in calmness and joy. Register ahead of time for Zoom info.

631-749-0042, shelterislandpubliclibrary.org

# **ART EXHIBITIONS**

alexferronegallery.com

### UNFRAMED EXHIBITION

**OPENING APRIL 9** 

The Alex Ferrone Gallery is celebrating the opening of its spring season with the Unframed exhibition. It will feature works on paper, canvas and wood, as well as small sculptures and ceramic works. The gallery will be open on Saturday and Sunday from noon-5 p.m., or whenever the open flag is flying. 25425 Main Road, Cutchoque. 631-734-8545,



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# **TOP 5 FAMILY EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK**

### **BUZZ OF THE HONEY BEES**

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 4-5 P.M.

Come see what all the buzz is about with this fun, interactive program for kiddos in grades K-5. Little ones will taste some honey, take a picture with a bee suit on and even help a beekeeper name his 12 queens.

201 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0049, johnjermain.org

# **EGG MANIA WITH THE SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH ASSOCIATION**

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 9-11 A.M.

Your little bunny won't want to miss this event presented by the Southampton Youth Association at the Southampton History Museum. They will enjoy crafts, games, an egg hunt and even a visit from the Easter Bunny himself!

17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton, 631-283-2494, southamptonhistory.org

# TAKE IT AND MAKE IT: PARACHUTE ANIMALS OR **EASTER EGGS**

MONDAY, APRIL 10-SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Kiddos in grades K-3 can pop on over to the Westhampton Free Library, where they can pick up a take-and-make craft and bring it home. They can also take a photo of the finished product and email it to kids@westhamptonlibrary.org 7 Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3335; westhamptonlibrary.net

### **HOW TO DRAW A BUNNY**

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 4 P.M. Your little one in grades 1-5 can hop on over to the Rogers Memorial Library for a class on drawing a springtime bunny. Pre-registration is required.

91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. 631-283-0774, myrml.org

# Find more events online at DansPapers.com/ Events

about life on other planets. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. 655 Flanders Road, Flanders. 631-702-2425, southamptontownny.gov

# **FAMILY FUN ATTRACTIONS** ON THE EAST END

### AGAWAM PARK

Get your little ones out in the fresh air at Agawam Park in Southampton Village, where parents will appreciate soft playground flooring and sturdy equipment. Enjoy beautiful water views and plenty to keep even toddlers busy. Picnic tables, restrooms and parking are all available. Pond Lane and Jobs Lane,

### **AMBER WAVES FARM**

Southampton

Bring your little spring chickens over to Amber Waves Farm, where they can enjoy over 350 varieties of fresh-cut veggies, herbs and flowers. The Market Café offers seasonal options made with fresh veggies and

367 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-5664, amberwavesfarm.org

### **CHILDREN'S MUSEUM** OF THE EAST END

Learn about ships, windmills and creating your own farm at this favorite East End children's destination. Mini golf is free with admission! This season, however, you'll need to call ahead of time to make a reservation.

376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-8250, cmee.org

### **DOWNS FARM PRESERVE**

Bring your little explorers over to Main Road in Cutchogue, where Downs Farm Preserve is located di-

> rectly across from Pelligrini Vineyards. Your kiddos can enjoy nature trails, nesting birds and butterflies in a beautiful environment. 23800 Main Road, Cutchoque.

631-765-1283. southoldtownny.gov/266/ downs-farm-preserve

### LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS **ECKART'S LUNCHEONETTE**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 4:30-8 P.M. Your little learner in grades K-4 can join the Southampton Youth Bureau's Discovery Team for a STEAM session

If you're out and about for a Hamptons spring day, take your little ones over to Eckart's Luncheonette, where breakfast and lunch are always avail-



able. Your juniors can enjoy burgers, omelets and chocolate pancakes to their hearts' delight. And make sure to save room for an old-fashioned milkshake for dessert.

162 Mill Road, Westhampton Beach 631-288-9491, sites.google.com/ view/eckartsluncheonette

# **HERRICK PARK**

Located right in the heart of East Hampton Village, Herrick Park offers beautiful tennis courts and playgrounds. There are also athletic fields for playing baseball and a

67 Newtown Lane, East Hampton. 631-329-4130, easthamptonvillage. org/facilities/facility/details/ herrick-park-6

### LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM

You and your little guppy can swim on over to the Long Island Aquarium, where you'll enjoy stunning indoor and outdoor exhibits of butterflies, reptiles and, of course, our slippery marine friends. Discounts are available for seniors and kiddos.

431 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-208-9200, longislandaquarium.com

### SAFARI ADVENTURE

Parents of mini adventurers under age 10 will appreciate this opportunity to get out for a day of movement and fun. Check out their website for open play sessions where kids can enjoy an arcade, inflatables and even a hands-on sensory area.

1074 Pulaski Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4386, thesafariadventure.com

### **NORTH FORK DOUGHNUT** COMPANY

Roll your family over to this North Fork favorite for delicious doughnuts made fresh every day. Get your fingers on delicious seasonal flavors like Fluffer Nutter and Lemon Ricotta Pancake.

100 Love Lane, Mattituck. 631-298-7941, nofodoco.com

# TICK TOCK MINI GOLF

This classic mini-golf course is located at the Drossos Motel, where kiddos can also enjoy a snack bar with classic American favorites. Parents can sample an Asian-American-style menu while they relax and look on, or get in on the fun with their junior swingers. 69125 Main Street, Greenport. 631-477-1334, drossosmotel.com

# FOOD & DRINK

# Wine Workshops, Top Hops Beer & More



**CHEF JUSTIN FINNEY** 

BY HARRY POWERS

C hef Justin Finney of Highway Restaurant & Bar in Wainscott shares his farro salad recipe to keep us healthy and ignite our tastedbuds — enjoy! Now, onto this week's East End foodie news bites.

Rowdy Hall has announced their new Wine Wednesday Workshops in collaboration with Wainscott Main Wine & Spirits. Spearheaded by Honest Man beverage Hospitality director and certified sommelier Chimene Visser Macnaughton, the new weekly wine workshops will feature certification-level tasting flights with a designated theme each Wednesday this spring from 5:30-7 p.m. Light snacks will be provided and RSVPs are highly recommended. Classes are \$25 per session in advance, \$30 at the door (space permitting) or you can pre-pay \$200 for all eight classes and receive a complimentary

\$25 Honest Man gift card for use at any Honest Man property: Rowdy Hall, Nick & Toni's, La Fondita, Coche Comedor or TownLine BBQ. These alllevels seminars are offered spring and fall, February through May and October through December. To participate, sign up at rowdyhall.com.

The award-winning Top Hops Beer Shop is heading to the Hamptons and the North Fork in a vintageinspired tap truck, the Half Pint. A unique beer-obsessed hybrid brand, Top Hops is going mobile for the 2022 season with a three-wheeled Piaggio Ape Classic imported from Italy. Developed by the makers of Vespa. the scooter was designed at the end of World War II as a transport solution in economically depressed Italy that could handle the tricky small Italian roads with light delivery items. The retro-style mobile bar specializes in serving high quality draft beer curated for each party or event. Every Half Pint rental booking is customized and tailored to each customer's needs. The professional team provides the tap truck featuring up to six

taps of craft beers, drinkware, educated bartenders, setup, breakdown and everything in between. The option to add wine, Champagne or cider is also available, both on tap and by the bottle. Look for local beers and ales to be offered along with some surprises.

Loaves & Fishes has announced a tasty new ice cream flavor of the month for April: Banoffee Pie (Banana-Toffee Pie). It's described as a roasted banana



THE HALF PINT

ice cream with flakes of pie crust and toffee swirled in.

Reminder: Get your tickets now to Taste the Greats on April 21 on the waterfront at The Piermont in Babylon. Meet top South Shore chefs and taste their creations while enjoying views of the Great South Bay, vino and live music. General admission tickets include unlimited tastings and un-

limited wine, cocktails and craft

beer from 7–9 p.m. VIP tickets include all of the above with exclusive tastings and sips, as well as an afterparty from 9–10 p.m.

Food Quote: "A recipe has no soul. You, as the cook, must bring the soul to the recipe." ~ Thomas Keller, Michelin-star chef and proprietor of The French Laundry

Got a restaurant news item or tip? Email dansfoodseen@gmail.com!

# Recipe: Highway's Autumn Farro Salad

# **Farro Salad Ingredients:**

- 4 cup farro (cooked)
- 1 delicata squash
- 1 cup pomegranate seeds
- 1/4 cup mint (chopped)
- 1/2 cup toasted pumpkin seeds

### **Apple Cider Vinaigrette Ingredients:**

- 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 1/2 cup grapeseed oil

# **Directions:**

1. For the vinaigrette: Combine the first four ingredients in a mixing bowl. Then, with a whisk, slowly emulsify the grapeseed oil to make the vinaigrette.

- 2. Next, in a medium saucepan, cook 1 cup of farro in 3 cups of water. When all the water is gone, the farro should be done. Set aside and let it cool.
- 3. In a 350-degree F oven, toast your pumpkin seeds. I like to toss the seeds in some olive oil and salt before toasting.
- 4. Then cut the delicata squash in half lengthwise and remove the seeds. Cut the squash into half-moon shapes, toss in salt, pepper and olive oil.
- 5. Spread the squash evenly on a sheet tray and roast in the oven for 15-20 minutes.
- 6. The key to this salad is to have everything at room temperature. Minutes before you are ready to serve, combine all of your ingredients.

This recipe comes to us courtesy of chef Justin Finney of Highway Restaurant & Bar in Wainscott, highwayrestaurant.com



HIGHWAY RESTAURANT CHEF JUSTIN FINNEY'S AUTUMN FARRO SALAD

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# DAN'S TASTE: FOOD & DRINK

# Something to Wine About:

# Clovis Point 2019 Petit Verdot

BY LINDA DELMONICO PRUSSEN

Though at times it feels like winter is never going to pry its icy fingers off Long Island, spring really is on the way. And, with the spring comes an urge to drink lighter, yet still refined, red wines. The perfect red to fit that bill is Clovis Point's 2019 Petit Verdot.

This petit verdot has 9% of malbec added. Wine-maker John Leo says, "Intense floral aromas and the tense red fruit flavors of petit verdot are softened and broadened by a dose of malbec to bring a bright and lively red with lots of personality."

Last week, we talked about how a wine labeled as a single varietal might include other varietals in the wine in smaller percentages.

The Clovis Point 2019 Petit Verdot has a charred cherry nose with light anise notes. This super dry wine has notes on the palate of cherry, anise, eucalyptus and earth. This is a tight, structured wine, with excellent, mouthwatering astringency.

Leo adds, "We want to showcase the grape varieties that grow exceptionally well on the North Fork



**CLOVIS POINT WINERY** 

of Long Island. While it's easy to offer lesser-known grape varieties and sell novelty, we choose to grow the noble vinifera grape varieties and challenge ourselves to make wines that match up to, or surpass, the quality of wines made in the Old World."

A quick reminder on the noble grape varietals, which are usually discussed in respect to Bordeaux and Bordeaux-style wines: A red Bordeaux must have one, or a combination, of the five noble grapes

— cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet Franc, petit verdot and malbec. Occasionally a sixth grape, carménère, is included. Noble grapes are known to retain their character no matter where they're planted, and they're known to produce top quality wine.

The 2019 Clovis Point Petit Verdot retails for \$75.

To learn more about Clovis Point wines, visit clovispointwines.com.



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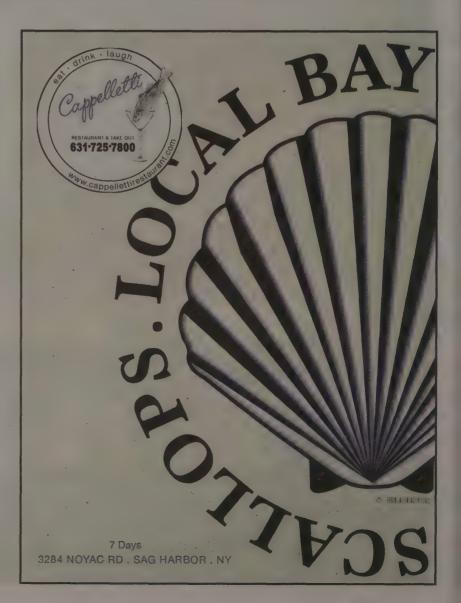
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# Make Your East End Easter & Passover Dining Plans

BY DAVID TAYLOR & HARRY POWERS

Passover and Easter are quickly approaching on Friday, April 15 and Sunday, April 17, respectively, which means that Hamptons and North Fork families and restaurants are hard at work planning menus for these cherished holidays. Whether you could use some help prepping family dinner or you'd rather eat out for the occasion, you'll want to check out what's cooking on the East End.

# **HAMPTONS**

Lulu Kitchen & Bar celebrates Easter with a special wood-fired lamb feast from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday, April 17. In addition to the \$56 (per person) meal, the a la carte menu will also be available. The feast, subject to change, includes slow roasted leg of lamb, mint-merguez stuffing, English peas polenta, wood-fired grilled asparagus and blistered cherry tomato. Reservations are recommended for dining in. 126 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0900, lulusagharbor.com

Sydney's "Taylor" Made Cuisine is also offering a wide variety of Easter and Passover dishes a la carte. The Easter menu offers gruyere puffs, miniature crab cakes, smoked salmon, mulligatawny, lobster bisque, glazed country ham, herb-crusted rack of lamb, semi-boneless duck with orange glaze, crown roast of pork, tzimmes, various fruit tarts and more. The Passover menu comprises whitefish salad, beggars' purses, gefilte fish with carrot and red horseradish, lemon honey chicken, braised brisket, roast filet of beef, noodle kugel, flourless chocolate cake and other options. Email orders to erin@ sydneysgourmet.com. 32 Mill Road, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-4722, sudneusaourmet.com

Celebrate Passover with a little help from **Bistro Été**. Order ahead of Friday, April 15 to pick up matzo ball soup, beef brisket, charcoal rotisserie chicken, roasted salmon, rugelach, tzimmes, potatp latkes with applesauce and sour cream, coconut macaroons and more. 760 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-500-9085, bistroete.com

Nick & Toni's is offering an Easter Sunday brunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and dinner, 5-8 p.m., prix fixe on April 17. The three-course brunch prix fixe is \$75, and options include butter lettuce salad, malfadine, pork Milanese and sheep's milk ricotta budino. The



three-course dinner prix fixe is \$95 and includes such options as wagyu beef carpaccio, pan-roasted arctic char, roasted halibut, and chocolate truffle torta. A kids menu prix fixe is also available for \$24.136 North Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-3550, nickandtonis.com

Calissa will offer a brunch and dinner special for Easter on Sunday, April 17. The brunch menu features various options including shakshuka, lobster Benedict and Belgian waffles. Dinner specials include a roasted leg of lamb with honey glazed baby carrots, Greek yogurt with toasted pistachios and an orzo and spring pea salad. These dinner specials will also be offered on Sunday, April 24 for Greek Easter. 1020 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. calissahamptons.com

On Citarella's website, shoppers can order full Easter and Passover dinners or individual dishes. Easter meals for four people (\$249) or eight (\$479) are packed with pizza rustica, stuffed artichokes and mushrooms, chefprepared rack of lamb, sautéed string beans, ricotta rustica cheesecake with cannoli dip and more. The Passover meals for four (\$279) and eight (\$499) include seder plates, plain Streit's Matzos, chopped chicken liver, matzo ball soup, gefilte fish, red horseradish, chefprepared brisket, potato kugel, haroset and more. Locations in Southampton. Bridgehampton and East Hampton. citarella.com/local/shop/holidays

The Easter and Passover menu at the **Loaves & Fishes Food Store** offers several great options that can be ordered and picked up April 14–17. These include rilled citrus salmon, beef bourguignonne, parmesancrusted chicken schnitzel, braised brisket, shrimp and swordfish curry, rotisserie ducks and chickens, deviled eggs, rainbow carrots, brownie pudding, lemon-raspberry pavlova, potato pancakes and more. 50 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack. 631-537-0555, loavesandfishes.us

April 14–17 is considered Easter weekend over at Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa, and they've got so much to do from kids activities to a mixology class to Easter brunch buffet. The menu, offered 10 a.m.–4 p.m., includes snow crab claws, cucumber gazpacho, panseared halibut, ratatouille gratin, butternut squash risotto, beef Wellington, pistachio mousse, as well as a few Passover options. Reservations can be made online. 290 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk. 833-235-7500, gurneysresorts.com/montauk

Claude's Restaurant at the Southampton Inn is serving their annual Easter Sunday brunch with a la carte classics like eggs Benedict, brioche French toast, fish tacos, vegetarian chili and more. Bottomless bloody Marys and mimosas can be added for \$25. Brunch runs 7 a.m.—3 p.m. which gives families ample opportunity to schedule their reservation around the hotel's annual Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. 91 Hill Street, Southampton. 631-283-6500, southamptoninn.com

Jean-Georges at Topping Rose House is serving Easter Sunday brunch all day, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., and parents are encouraged to schedule their reservations around two egg

hunts at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The three-course prix fixe is \$98 for adults and \$49 for kids, and it offers warm shrimp salad, crispy calamari, pepper-crusted beef tenderloin, grilled lamb chops, strawberry coupe glacé and more. 1 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-808-2000, toppingrosehouse.com/dine

TownLine BBQ is offering holiday smoked hams in honor of Easter. A limited amount of 10–12 lb. smoked hams are available for pre-order for \$160, and three sides can be added for an additional cost each: collard greens, coleslaw and cornbread. Pickup will be available Saturday, April 16, 1–4 p.m. Orders can be placed over the phone or in-house. 3593 Montauk Highway, Sagaponack. 631-537-2271, townlinebbq.com

### **NORTH FORK**

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The Long Island Aquarium is once again hosting its annual Easter brunch, featuring a menu of thickcut French toast, penne a la vodka, oven-roasted Faroe Islands salmon golden-baked turkey breast and more. Reservations are required for seatings at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, and cost \$65 for adults and teens, \$35 for kids 3-12 and \$7 for children younger than that. While the family is at the aquarium, don't miss out on the Penguin Egg Hunt, which is free with admission. 431 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-208-9200, longislandaquarium.com

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WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE IN TEH KITCHEN?
Not being cleaned and organized!hesitation.
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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD CITY TO TRAVEL TO?

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NYC, you can get everything you want right here in NY, some of my favorite places are:

Loring Place, Bayview Kitchen, Prime 39, Shake Shack ...the list can go on for days





Chef Linda Johnson

WHATS YOUR RESTAURANT NAME? Chocology

WHERE DO YOU EAT MOST OFTEN ON YOUR DAYS OFF?

Most nights we eat at home, I love to cook! I cook from scratch and love being creative with whatever I find in the refrigerator or summer garden

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PET
PEEVE IN TEH KITCHEN?
Dirty dishes in the sink. I like to
clean up after myself and I go. It
makes the end of the day so much
better when you are not confronted
with stacks of dirty equipment with
dried on food. And it really bothers
me if I come into the kitchen in the
morning and the sink is not spotless.



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD CITY TO TRAVEL TO?
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London, they have the best Indian Food! We have a favorite Indian
Restaurant (can't remember the name) but it's been there since we lived
there in 2018. Also the London Marriott Hotel Regents Park, has wonderful
Indian Food, although we haven't been there in 3-years.





Chefs Carlos and Felipe Arellano

WHATS YOUR RESTAURANT NAME? Ruta Oaxaca

WHERE DO YOU EAT MOST OFTEN ON YOUR DAYS OFF? At home, my wife is an incredible cook!

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE IN TEH KITCHEN? Lack of passion, cooking requires love above all

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Chef Marc Anthony Bynum

WHATS YOUR RESTAURANT NAME? Hush Ramen

WHERE DO YOU EAT MOST OFTEN ON YOUR DAYS OFF?
When in Greenport –
The Halyard,
The Frisky Oyster,
1943 Pizza

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE IN TEH KITCHEN? Mise, Mise, Mise, Mise, Mise, Mise

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD CITY TO TRAVEL TO?

BONNUS IF SHARE A COUPLE OF YOUR FAVORITE SPOTS!

Tough decision, Philly to have South Philly Barbacoa — Chef Cristina

Martinez is incredible, NYC to have Crown Shy or Savannah for The Gray
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Chef Michael Ross

WHATS YOUR RESTAURANT NAME?

Pearl

fearl:

Where do you eat most often on your days off? I usually frequent the restaurants in and around my home town of Huntington, A couple of my "go to" spots are Joanina and the bar at Besisto, Although quite often you would find me at home cooking for my kids.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE IN TEH KITCHEN?
Organization is a key element involved in the success of any kitchen,
I like everything to be orderly and have everything in its place,
It makes me crazy when things are not returned to their original
place. Some might call it perfectionism, others might call it "OCD",
but i call it common sense.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE
FOOD CITY TO TRAVEL TO?
BONNUS IF SHARE A COUPLE
OF YOUR FAVORITE SPOTS!
New Orleans Is my favorite
"Food City", Sending a Chef to
New Orleans is like sending a
kid to a candy store, A couple of
my favorite restaurants include
Cochon Restaurant, Bayona, and
any Oyster Bar especially Desire.



New Orleans, LA



Chef Asim Henry

WHATS YOUR RESTAURANT NAME? Bay view Kitchen

WHERE DO YOU EAT MOST OFTEN ON YOUR DAYS OFF? In the neighborhood, Hush Ramen or Spoonsticks

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE IN TEH KITCHEN? Not coming prepaired, get to work ready to work!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD CITY TO TRAVEL TO?

BONNUS IF SHARE A COUPLE OF YOUR FAVORITE SPOTS!

NYC, Momofuku, Trincity Roti Shop & Restaurant, A&A Bake Doubles and Roti





Chefs Jimmy Lyons and Kelly Briguccia

WHATS YOUR RESTAURANT NAME? North Fork Doughnut

WHERE DO YOU EAT MOST OFTEN ON YOUR DAYS OFF? St. Anselm, Maison Premiere

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE IN TEH KITCHEN?
Not being prepared and unclean work surfaces

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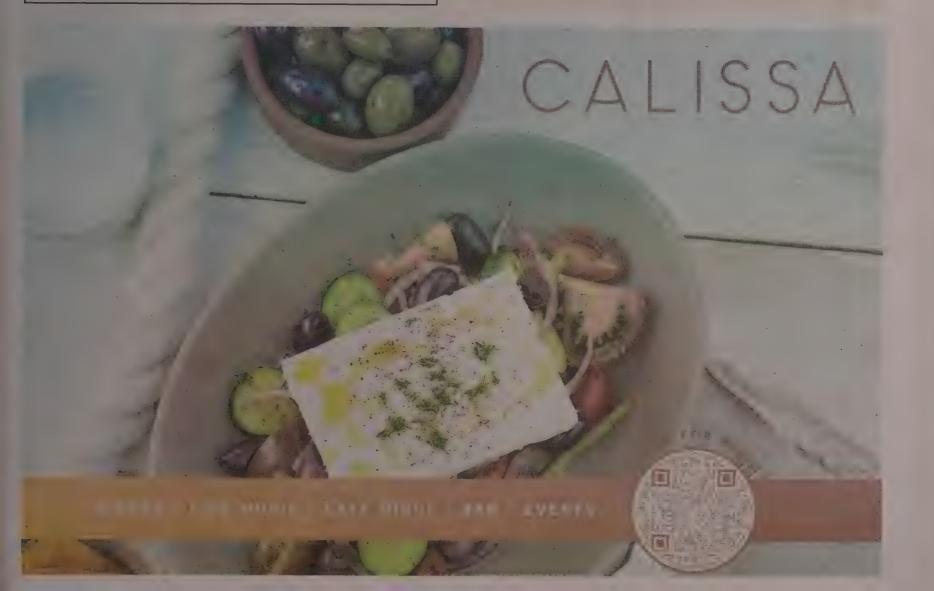


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# EASTENDLIVING

# Good Neighbors:

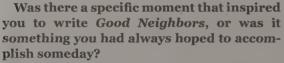
# Shane Weeks Pens Shinnecock History From Their Perspective

BY DAVID TAYLOR

Por many years, Shane Weeks of the Shinnecock Nation has worked to bridge the gap between his community and those unfamiliar with its history and culture, and in March 2022, he took a major step toward that goal with the release of his debut book Good Neighbors: A Shinnecock History From a Shinnecock Perspective. A lifelong dream that began to materialize in 2017, Good Neighbors is

a long awaited exploration of local history through a Shinnecock lens and a primer on this Indigenous nation's rich culture and traditions.

We spoke to Weeks about the need for a book like *Good Neighbors* to exist, who he hopes the book will reach and its potential as a resource for local school districts.



Ever since I was child, I'd always thought that I wanted to write a book called "Good Neighbors." That is the perfect name for a book on Shinnecock. Where that term comes from is, when I was a kid, our elders would always say we have to be good neighbors in order for our way of life to survive, even just a little bit. Their traditional way of life was so oppressed — it was outlawed in the United States and Canada for us to speak our languages and practice our culture - so at some point they thought it was the best decision to discontinue those practices out of safety for themselves and future generations. I always heard that, and as I was growing up, it became very important to me to understand who we were as Shinnecock people, who we are still as Shinnecock people, understanding our history and uncovering the fact that our traditions, our way of life, our language, our practices weren't necessarily lost, as a lot of our elders also said. They just went underground, they were just forgotten, and a lot of those things were still there.

I began doing a lot of research. ... In that, I realized that almost all of the accounts of Shinnecock people were never documented through the eyes of a Shinnecock person. It was always third-person, always the accounts of what somebody thought they were seeing, never our own voices saying what it is that we really are doing or who we are. I felt it was important to write this book as I began to understand our history as I knew it, and understand that those documents where our own people talk about



HANE WEEKS

our own history are still very rare, even today. And I wanted to have a foundation for future generations to look back on in terms of their own history.

# How did you decide what facts, insights and opinions to include in the book?

A big part of that was that I always had in the back of my mind as I was writing the book that I wanted to include things that I wish I had found in my research.

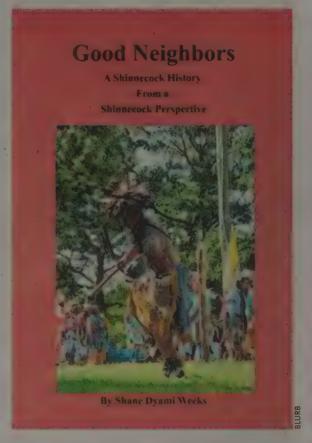
If somebody looks at this 150 years from now, I wanted to include things that would lead them to other answers and to further understanding, to have it all in one place.

In our traditions we say we don't always give everything in a teaching, we give just a little bit, just enough for somebody to be interested and do the work themselves. And so that's kind of how I also wrote the book — to just give a little bit, just give leads here and there for people, today or in the future, to follow. Like, "Oh wow, that's interesting. Let me look more into that. ... Let me find an elder and ask about this teaching. What teaching is he talking about there?" To not give the entire description right then and there, we're meant to work for our teachings, that's our way. So that was a lot of how I came to those topics.

I wanted to talk about life on Shinnecock, because that's something that's non-existent if you go back 100, 200, 300 years ago in documentation, there's nobody really talking about a first-person account of what people were doing on Shinnecock growing up as adults, as children. I wanted to include that, and I wanted to include a bit about the way I understand our history — those documents that I looked into and how that compares to oral tradition and things like that.

# Who do you see as your target demographic for this book, and what do you hope they'll gain from reading it?

The target demographic is really anybody who's interested in learning about Shinnecock history. I see many people who are higher in age being very interested in our history, and also very young people — from all walks of life and all different backgrounds, races, professions — who are interested in understanding that the history that has been taught in public school districts and institutions have a very specific narrative and, a lot of times, a very false narrative. And again, I think people realize that they rarely hear our people talking about our understanding of ourselves. I've found that many different people are willing to listen.



CLOSE-UP OF "GOOD NEIGHBORS: A SHINNECOCK HISTORY FROM A SHINNECOCK PERSPECTIVE"

I hope that, in the future, for non-Indigenous people it is a way for them to connect with us and better understand who we are and where we come from. For Indigenous people, I hope that it helps them understand who they are and where they come from as a Shinnecock person, because that's how it helped me in my journey through life to understand who I was as a Shinnecock person, our history, our background.

# Have you considered trying to get *Good Neighbors* added to Hamptons school reading lists to add a local Indigenous perspective to the textbook narrative?

I have not reached out to anybody yet about that happening. Several people have reached out to me about having it at different events — having talks, book signings — but not necessarily the curriculum yet. But I think it would be great if that's something school districts would be inclined to see. I would love to have that as part of the local school district curriculum.

# What did you find most rewarding about writing and publishing *Good Neighbors*?

I think that having a feeling of contributing to our future as Shinnecock people, just feeling that no matter how big or little, I was doing my part the best that I could. That feeling that somebody can look at this work in the future was very fulfilling to me.

To learn more about Good Neighbors and stay up to date with author events, visit bizhiki.com and follow @bizhiki\_ on Instagram. The book is available as a soft cover or PDF on blurb.com.

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# EAST END LIVING

# Are the Skeletons in Your Closet Ruining Your Life?

BY BEATTY COHAN, MSW, LCSW, AASECT

H ere are some recent emails I've received from readers. I hope you find them interesting and helpful.

Dear Beatty,

I am a 26-year-old single woman living in Manhattan. I have an MBA from Harvard, am well traveled, have a wide circle of friends and live a culturally rich Manhattan/Hamptons lifestyle. Although people consider me to be very beautiful and intelligent, that's not the way I see myself. All of my relationships have been with older abusive men, and I haven't found a way to break this pattern. I just want to be loved. Why do you think that I continually end up with men who hurt me emotionally, sexually and physically?

~ Barbara C.

Dear Beatty,

I am a 62-year-old never-married woman who has suffered from depression, anxiety and OCD for most of my life. Although I have been to some of the best private psychiatric facilities in the country, my depression and other symptoms have never really improved. All I ever wanted was to have a loving home and family, but my choices in men have been so poor that I've never been able to have a happy and healthy relationship with anyone. What's wrong with me? Do you think that I'm too old to find love?

 $\stackrel{.}{\sim} Samantha~D.$ 

Dear Beatty,

I am a 73-year-old woman who has been married for almost 53 years. My husband is an alcoholic who has abused me mentally and verbally over the years. Recently, his health has been deteriorating. I think about leaving every day, and yet I feel guilty at the thought of leaving him alone. Can you help me figure out what to do? I do realize that I have already wasted many years in a toxic relationship.

~ Cynthia S.

# WHAT DO THESE THREE WOMEN HAVE IN COMMON?

Barbara, Samantha and Cynthia all contacted me for therapy after reading my articles in *Dan's Papers*. On

the surface, these women appear to be very different in terms of personality, age, interests, professions, religions and backgrounds. So what are the issues that prevent three lovely, intelligent women from being able to find healthy and happy relationships?

### **UNCOVERING THE SKELETONS**

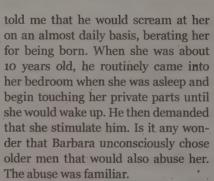
When I first meet patients in my private practice in East Hampton and New York City, the first

area that I always explore is a patient's family background. I need to determine what my patients learned and didn't learn about relationships growing up in their family of origin. For many therasts, the history is the past.

pists, the history is the past, so why bother spending a lot of time in revisiting a period of time that cannot be changed? However, the reality is that unless we are willing to examine our histories and are prepared to emotionally work through the abuse, traumas and neglect that we may have sustained, I believe that many therapies are bandage therapies at best and a complete waste of time, energy and money at worst.

Therapies, including cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and dialectical behavior therapy (DBT), are extremely useful and effective in helping people move forward with their lives. After more than 35 years as a practicing psychotherapist and sex therapist and treating thousands of men and women, children and adolescents from every socioeconomic background, I've found that these therapies on their own are simply insufficient and ineffective. We cannot pretend that our histories didn't happen and can be ignored. It is those early years and experiences that set the stage for our conscious and unconscious behavior and subsequent choices that we make in our adult life.

Interestingly, Barbara, Samantha and Cynthia all grew up in abusive homes with abusive fathers. Their passive mothers did nothing to protect their daughters from the cruelty and abuse of their husbands. In Samantha's case, her mother would encourage her father to beat her with sticks and belts. Barbara's situation was somewhat different. Her mother became very ill after her birth and her father became her mother's caregiver, giving up his very successful law practice. Barbara



As I began to explore these women's family histories, they began to see how they unconsciously and inadvertently were playing out their old family dynamics. These revelations were the beginning of their journeys to healing and health. They were able to understand on a very deep emotional level that none of this was their fault. They came to see how their unconscious programming catapulted them into relationships that were familiar.

These insights would never have happened if these women's family histories had not been delved into indepth. Their skeletons in the closet and unfinished business from their past was running and ruining their lives. Our sessions were long and painful. However, the good news is that Barbara, Samantha and Cynthia are all on a new and wonderful

path. They are successfully working through their issues that were getting in the way of their life and relationships. They learned the ingredients that actually go into a healthy relationship, and they promised to use my 10-step formula based on my research and book, For Better, for Worse, Forever: Discover the Path to Lasting Love, that teaches us how to assess who's right or wrong for you BEFORE committing to any serious relationship. I am so proud of them for having had the courage to go through this process with me.

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# ALLABOUTPETS

# Dogs Can Overcome Post-COVID Separation Anxiety

BY COLLEEN PETERSON

Despite two years of pandemic-related bad news for humans, this time has had quite the opposite effect for dogs. Our four-legged friends have cherished every single moment at home with their people who are working remotely or unemployed, and might have otherwise been out at a job for most of their waking hours.

COVID-19 and lockdowns have also benefited throngs of pets in need of homes. According to the ASPCA, more than 23 million households in the US adopted a pet during the pandemic—that's one out of five. Some were pet owners who adopted an additional dog or cat, while others were adopting for the first time.

Dogs and cats provided companionship during the lonely months and years of social distancing and limited physical contact with others. For those with a full home, such as parents with kids, pets offered a welcome distraction from the pandemic and helped owners stick to a routine.

But now that the pandemic has died down, and things are mostly back to normal, a lot of dogs are experiencing some form of separation anxiety as their owners return to work. For the dogs who were adopted during the pandemic, being left alone may be a new, unpleasant experience.

"The sudden departure of people returning to work has upset the daily schedules and habits established during the lockdown," explains Dr. Karen Johnston of Hampton Veterinary Hospital in Speonk, noting that she has treated an increasing number of dogs for anxiety due to this change. And, she points out, her overall number of patients has also grown in the COVID era. "As the pandemic isolated many people and prevented them from leaving the house or socializing, pet ownership increased drastically," Dr. Johnston says, including both dogs and cats. "Many shelters had no trouble adopting out not only their puppies, but older or more difficult to home dogs, as well."

Even without the pandemic compounding the problem, dog owners often unknowingly encourage separation anxiety by making a big deal and say-



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ing a long goodbye to their dog when leaving home, and again by wildly celebrating their reunion upon return. This will reward a dog's anxiety and enforce unwanted behavior.

There is a difference between a dog that is truly experiencing separation anxiety and a dog that follows an owner around at home and gets upset when his owner leaves but then quickly calms down once he's alone. Dogs with true separation anxiety experience emotions of panic and distress, and display excessive behavior that can result in self-harm.

Thresholds and symptoms depend on the individual. A dog might present excessive yawning, drooling, panting, pacing and whining behaviors. Housebroken dogs may go to the bathroom in the home due to the fear and stress they're feeling, or they could engage in heavy vocalization, such as barking or howling. An acutely affected dog may even take part in destructive behavior, ruining objects and even furniture around the house, or attempting to free themselves to find their owner by digging or chewing around windows and doors, which can result in self injury and costly property damage.

The good news is, separation anxiety is treatable. Steps can be taken by dog owners to not only help deal with the anxiety the animals feel, but to eventually overcome it all together. The process, however, takes patience, consistency and time.

It's best to recognize and address anxiety as soon as possible. Dogs who experience anxiety when left alone will generally get worse without intervention. They should not be left alone. Luckily, there are options. If friends and family are not available to watch them, dog sitters can provide care and companionship, as well as stimulation and exercise. For dogs who like to socialize with other canines, some boarding facilities provide doggie day-

care. Or, on a smaller scale, many dog sitters offer daycare in their homes. Another option is hiring a dog walker or sitter who comes to your home. Sites like rover.com can connect owners with sitters along with loads of helpful information from experts.

It's important for a dog's wellbeing to get plenty of physical and mental exercise, with some breeds requiring much more than others. Interactive toys can help, along with chews (if they're supervised). A good walk can go a long way toward keeping your best friend calm and at ease. But a dog with true separation anxiety will demand a more focused effort.

Separation anxiety training starts with finding a pet's threshold (the time it takes for anxious behavior to commence after they are left alone). This can be done by observing them with a nanny cam or cellphone app. The key is to incrementally get the dog used to your absence without ever allowing them to reach a point (threshold) of exhibiting true anxiety, while also desensitizing them and changing their perception. For example, dogs often begin freaking out when they see their owner pick up car keys or putting on shoes. Try performing these actions throughout the day without ever actually leaving the house. Soon, the dog will stop making the association. Giving food-motivated dogs their favorite treat only while leaving the house, and at no other time, can also change how they experience the separation.

Vets can, of course, prescribe antianxiety medication to calm a dog's senses, but this is a temporary solution and not a cure. Supplements such as CBD and herbal products — White Crane's "Relaxol" and other eastern medicine blends are available locally from Dr. Johnston at Hampton Veterinary Hospital — or even acupuncture (consult your vet), may also help as part of an overall plan, but behavior modification is paramount.

Unfortunately, far too many dogs are given away for displaying symptoms of separation anxiety. We made a commitment to our pets upon adoption, and they helped many owners endure two bleak years during the pandemic, so we owe it to them to do the necessary work.

Colleen Peterson is the owner and operator of Petite Dog Care in Center Moriches, a home-based dog care business for small breeds — email petitedogcare@gmail.com, for more information.

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CURATED BY DAVID TAYLOR

The East End is home to thousands of dogs, cats and other pets — some living in luxury, others still waiting for someone to notice them at local shelters. If your home and heart are open to welcoming a furry new family member and showing them the good life, consider adopting one of these adorable creatures or looking into the other animals available for adoption at East End shelters.

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Sahteene: Four-year-old Sahteene is a beautiful white Shepherd mix who is very smart and a bit silly. She is affectionate, and bonds quickly with people but, she prefers to be your one and only pet in the household. She knows her basic commands and wants to learn more.

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Misty: Misty is a darling 10-year-old cat who came to ARF from a city shelter, but she definitely prefers the quiet life. Most days you will find her perched up high in a cat tree bird watching. This past year, Misty was diagnosed with allergies, but with help from the Kit Kat Fund, ARF's medical team worked diligently to stabilize her condition through medication and diet. Who knows, in a different environment, her condition could disappear. Adoption fee: \$0

Smokey Joe: This adorable 8-year-old boy has an impeccable memory and bonds deeply with people he knows. Smokey Joe is up on all his basic commands, and he is known to enjoy hiking trails in the woods, going to the beach or just a joyride in the car! Smokey Joe has been at ARF for far too long and the ARF staff continues to work with him on his fear of strangers. Once Smokey Joe gets used to a new routine with new people, he will make a for a loving and loyal best friend. Adoption fee: \$200

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**Branson:** One look at Branson, and it's clear he's got what it takes for a successful modeling career. This handsome adult Australian cattle dog and blue heeler mix could sell a perm



PETS AVAILABLE THIS MONTH AT NFAWL (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP L): MOUSE, BRUNO, NETTIE & BRANSON



PETS AVAILABLE THIS MONTH AT BIDEAWEE (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP L): JP, RILEY, JASMINE & CLARABELLE

to a poodle with that piercing stare. And his personality is ideal, as well: friendly, affectionate, playful, smart and curious. Adoption fee: \$175

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**Beau:** Beau is a 19-week-old hound mix pup. He is super sweet and friendly with cats and other dogs. He's very loving and loyal, a good listener and cuddler, and is doing well with potty training. Adoption fee: \$675

Kiki: At 9 months old, Kiki is extraordinarily smart, sensitive and pays close attention to the humans and world around her. She is sweet and very eager to please her human friends, watching and waiting to lovingly accommodate them (and perhaps be rewarded with a belly rub). She loves to run and play and is definitely high-energy, so she will need a family with an active lifestyle to provide her with plenty of exercise. She is a quick learner and has already mastered many commands. Adoption fee: \$500

Sadie: Sadie is a super sweet Labrador retriever rescued from an overcrowded breeder. She is approximately 4–5 years old and enjoys walks on a leash. As a pooch who loves attention, Sadie may do best as an only dog. Adoption fee: \$500

### SIDEAWEE

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**JP:** This handsome man, who celebrated his 8th birthday last week, is named JP! He is every bit as sweet with his beloved friends as he is irre-

sistible. A man who loves to follow his nose, he is known to take the trails of Westhampton by storm! When not out and about, you can expect to find this snack connoisseur enjoying a dessert of tasty cheese or chicken, or having a snooze on the sofa. He is seeking a patient home, with older children and no other animals, that will help him to feel safe. Adoption fee: \$0

Riley: This beautiful and unique-looking 9-year-old lady is named Riley. Donning a caramel and chocolate brindle coat, and eyes like melted brownies, she can make you fall head over heels in love! Riley is seeking a loving and jubilant adult-only home that has the gusto for a spirited lady. New people make her nervous, so she'll need her future family to let her get cozy with them at her own pace. She'd also be best as the only four-legged family member in the home. Adoption fee: \$185

Jasmine: Introducing the beautiful Jasmine! This gorgeous 9-year-old girl arrived to Bideawee over seven months ago, after her mommy tragically died. Shortly thereafter, she lost the only home she'd ever known. Jasmine is a sweet but shy and bashful senior pooch. This beauty is seeking a loving, patient family, with older children who can provide the patience and TLC that she so deserves! A home with other dogs is on a case-by-case basis, but she seems to do well with kitties. Adoption fee: \$0

Clarabelle: This beautiful 3-year-old kitty is named Clarabelle. She recently came to Bideawee with some some of her kittens. Clarabelle is a sweet, but shy and bashful kitty, that is looking for a gentle family who will give her the time she deserves to adjust. Adoption fee: \$150

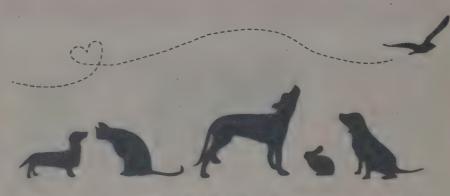








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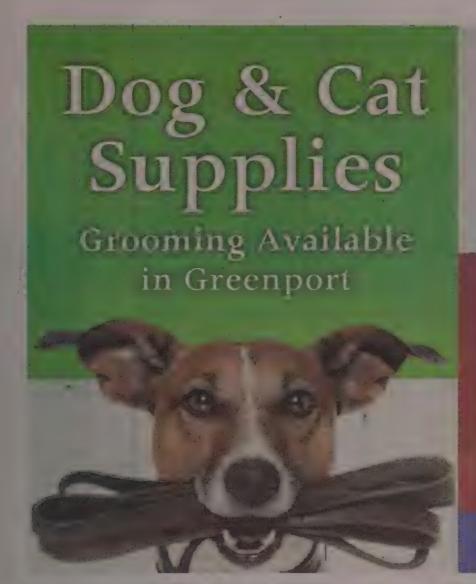
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# OBITUARY

# Starr Boggs, Legendary Chef Behind Westhampton Beach Restaurant, Dies

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

In late February, Starr Boggs officially sold his eponymous restaurant in Westhampton Beach more than 40 years after he arrived in the area to work as a chef. A little more than a month later, on March 30, he died at Peconic Bay Medical Center in Riverhead. He turned 70 earlier this year.

Boggs was truly a Westhampton legend. His restaurant was one of the longest-running and most popular in the Hamptons. It had a presence in Westhampton Beach every summer since 1985 — with one exception in 2003—across four different locations.

The restaurant was known for its local fish specialties, dry-aged prime beef and an extensive wine list that Boggs curated himself. A self-professed oenophile, he stressed the importance of pairing the right fine wine

with a particular meal. Monday night lobster bakes at the restaurant became a local tradition that drew crowds.

Boggs had been looking to sell the restaurant on Parlato Drive for several years and he was ready for a new chapter in life. David and Rachel Hersch of Rooted Hospitality Group, which owns Cowfish and RUMBA in Hampton Bays, bought the place with plans to turn it into fauna, a sister restaurant for flora in Westhampton Beach.

As happy as Boggs was when he spoke to *Behind the Hedges* after the sale, it was, of course, bittersweet. In that final reflection, he spoke less of his legacy ending and more of his gratitude for his loyal customers, his dedicated staff — many of whom returned year after year — and his friends who helped him along the way.

"I'm going to miss working here on Long Island and with the beauti-



**STARR BOGGS** 

ful food that we have," Boggs said in February, but, "I'm celebrating the fact that I've had a great run."

Starr Boggs — an Irish Welsh family name — grew up on a 1,000-acre farm in Virginia, where, "We grew, raised and fished for everything we ate. That instilled a real passion in me for local sourcing," he told *Dan's* in 2018.

He was readying to play football at William & Mary College when he was sidelined by a knee injury. His fallback was a budding culinary passion.

Boggs came to Westhampton by way of Nantucket in 1981 when Susan

McAllister, who owned The Inn at Quogue, needed a new chef. After the first season, he and McAllister leased The Patio and later bought it.

McAllister's help in getting him a piece of the restaurant was his "stepping stone," Boggs remembered. "I came here with less than almost pocket change in my pocket, no automobile, a sail bag, and that was about it."

In 1985, they sold both restaurants and he used the proceeds for the first Starr Boggs, on Sunset Avenue. The 40-seat restaurant received four-star ratings from both *The New York Times* and *Newsday*. Boggs recalled how there was a waiting list for months.

He later brought Starr Boggs to the ocean, opening at the Old Dune Deck Hotel on Dune Road. During his 12 years there he also opened Starr Boggs at Hampton Square. He sold in 1996, then gave up the beach space in 2002.

He then bought the building at 6 Parlato Drive, opening in 2004. His friend, Barnes & Noble founder Leonard Riggio, was his real estate partner.

Looking back on his time in business, Boggs said it was all because he was lucky to have good friends, good staff and good customers.

Arrangements are being finalized.



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# Signs of Winter Lawn Damage

Winter can be harsh on a lawn, and it's up to homeowners to nurse their lawns back to health after they endure the elements. That's often the case when winter ends and they uncover signs of damage to their lawns. However, homeowners cannot begin to repair winter lawn damage until they learn to identify it. Here are three telltale signs that winter took a harsh toll on a landscape and six local companies that can fix that.

Wilted grass: Many things can cause grass to wilt over the course of winter, so homeowners may have to put on their sleuth's cap to determine why grass that was healthy as recently as late fall is now wilted as the spring bloom begins. Grass that's adjacent to walkways and driveways might have wilted due to the application of de-icing solutions. Such products can prevent the formation of ice on driveways and walkways. However, when they're tracked onto the grass by people or animals or blown there by

winter winds, grass can wilt. A deep watering in spring can flush any lingering solution from the lawn. In future winters, homeowners can be as careful as possible when applying de-icing solutions, making a concerted effort to avoid spreading any onto the grass and limited applications to areas of the driveway and walkways that are not close to the grass.

Brown patches: The National Association of Landscape Professionals notes that brown patches in a lawn often develop after heavy snowfall. Such patches tend to develop where large piles of shoveled snow were deposited, so homeowners can inspect alongside driveways and walkways. The NALP advises homeowners to rake away part of the brown patches first. If green tissue is emerging beneath, then the lawn will likely be fine in due time. However, if the area beneath is not green and surrounding areas are already turning green, homeowners may need to rake up dead tissue before apply-

ing topsoil to the affected spots. Once topsoil is spread, some grass seed can be spread and the grass should regain its green glory.

Gray or pink grass: Another indicator of winter lawn damage linked to snow is gray or pink grass. The NALP reports that this is a byproduct of snow mold caused by lingering snow. Action may be unnecessary, as the NALP notes these circular patterns often go away on their own. If not, raking the affected areas might be enough to get the lawn on the road to recovery. If the issue continues to linger after raking, a topsoil application and subsequent seeding may be necessary.

Homeowners concerned about their damaged lawns are urged to contact a local landscape professional to correct any issues that linger into spring. If your Hamptons or North Fork lawn is suffering from one of these issues, it's time to call an East End expert, such as these.



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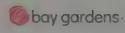
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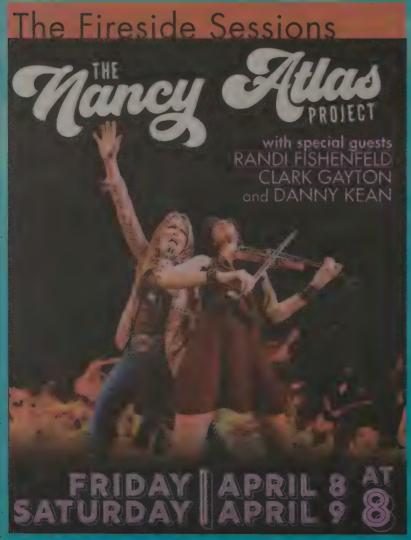
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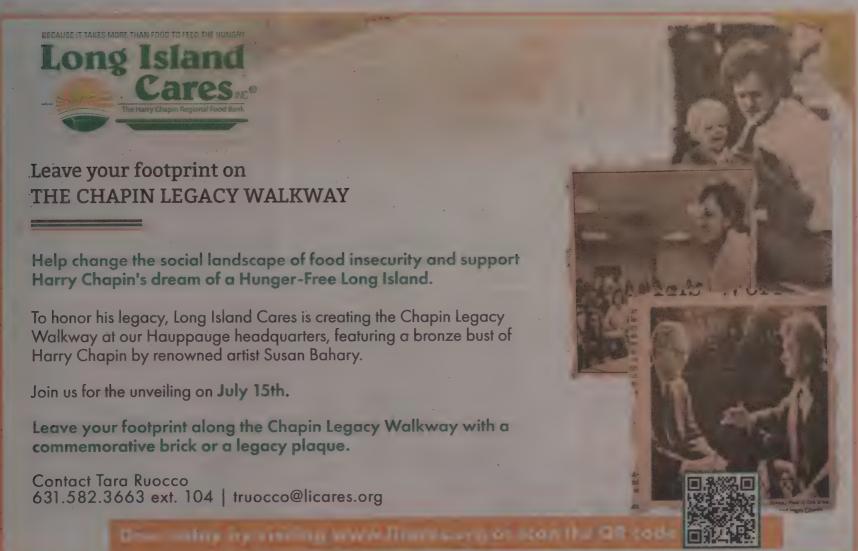
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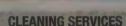
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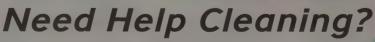






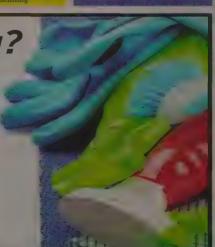






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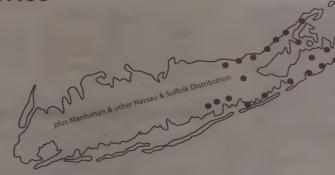
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# HIGHPROFILE

#### Cheryl Wills:

## Star NY1 Reporter

BY TODD SHAPIRO

Cheryl Wills is an icon in broadcast journalism and has been a staple on New York City television sets for the past three decades. A native New Yorker, joining New York One was a natural transition for her. She has been so successful on the small screen, some would say, because she is as much a New Yorker as the viewer to whom she reports the news.

Wills comes from a historic family with roots extending more than 200 years in Tennessee, Her father, Clarence Wills, born on a former-slave plantation in West Tennessee, was among the first African American firefighters to be integrated into the Fire Department of New York. Joining the department's oldest engine company, Engine Company 1, Ladder Company 24, her father made a career out of protecting lives and property from fire. Wills sees her father's service to the city as an inspiration and one of the reasons that she takes such pride in helping New Yorkers remain informed - another key to public safety.

"My father died when I was 13 in a motorcycle accident, and it's important that I keep his legacy alive through my work as a journalist," she says.

Wills has had an award-winning career in journalism. She is the first African American reporter in New York One's history to win an Emmy Award. Wills has received the YMCA National Black Achievers in Industry Award, the Carl T. Rowan Leadership in Media Award and the coveted Harold Dow Lifetime Achievement Award for her "extraordinary and unparalleled contributions to broadcast media." She has been given an Honorary Doctorate from the New York College of Health Professions in May of 2005.

"As someone who was raised in public housing in Queens, it means a lot to me to be recognized by my peers in the number one media market in the world," she says. "I work with some of the best in the business, in television, print and radio. My colleagues are tough, and it has been an honor to work alongside them to break some of the biggest stories over the last 30 years."

While most typically found on the anchor's desk in her news programs,

NY1 Live at Ten and In Focus with Cheryl Wills, her career has also brought her reporting to the big screen. Her reporting, or cameo appearances, has appeared on the reels of blockbuster films like Morbius with Jared Leto, Spider-Man 2, Freedomland starring Samuel L. Jackson, Ghostbusters and many others. She has a recurring role on Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, playing herself, a dedicated New York City journalist.

"On a national basis, more people know me from Law & Order: SVU than the nightly news," she says. "It's a real thrill because this series has been on since 1999, it's one of the longest-running crime dramas on television, and it's a super honor to be part of a show that's actually meaningful. This brings to light sex crimes in New York City, something that means a lot to me."

Wills decided at a young age that she was going to be a journalist. She attended the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse, where she achieved a Bachelor's Degree in broadcast journalism. The skills learned in her academic career are on display nightly, especially when conducting thorough, in-depth interviews with some of the world's most powerful and noteworthy, including but not limited to sitting presidents, Nobel laureates and internationally recognized leaders, ranging from the African continent's first-ever female President to the United Nations Secretary-General.

"I was a natural reporter, I always tell people," Wills says. "I was lucky enough to have all four grandparents as a child, and I found them fascinating. All four of my grandparents were raised in the Jim Crow South, and I was a New Yorker. I was fascinated by their stories of life in oppression. My grandparents were my first interviewees, and they turned out to be historical figures in their own way.

"My maternal grandfather served in World War I in a segregated unit," she continues. "He was overseas, and because he was in a Black unit, I do not think that they kept the same records for him — when I would do research, there was not a lot of detail on his service. But he shared his experiences with me and saw action, which is profound in its own regard."

For Wills, it is clear, that telling sto-



ries is not just a profession, but a passion. She is an award-winning author, who has written about a variety of topics. Her most acclaimed book, *Die Free: A Heroic Family Tale*, details her great-great-great-grandfather's life in which he fought for freedom on the battlefields of the Civil War after being born a Tennessee slave. Her second book tells the same story but is written for children, to share her forefather's heroism with the next generation.

"What inspired me to write this story was that I did not hear (about) Sandy Wills as a child. No one ever told me that we had an ancestor that fought in the Civil War. It was pretty shocking that this story was never shared with my father or my grandfather. It's also a testament to the state of oppression that they lived in at that time, living in abject poverty, which allowed this story to get lost — even though they were all in the same place.

"It was really the bringing together of my father's life, which was cut short, and Sandy's life, and my original goal was to learn more about both of these men," says Wills.

She is publishing a new book that will become available wherever books

are sold on May 3. The book is called *Isn't Her Grace Amazing*, which details the outstanding women of gospel music — many of whom have also been lost to history. She shows the correlation between the music of today and how its composition is intertwined with the history of gospel.

"These women carved their own path in the music industry in a male-dominated industry," she adds. "The book features Mahalia Jackson, known as the 'Queen of Gospel,' who died in 1972. She was a force to be reckoned with, and she was beloved by all, including Martin Luther King. She sang at both the March on Washington and, tragically, at his untimely funeral, as well."

"I hope that the next generation realizes that most of the music that they listen to today was born out of gospel," she concludes. "These women were the precursor for hip-hop, pop and rock n' roll, and you can not talk about today's music without the foundational women of American music, who were the women of gospel."

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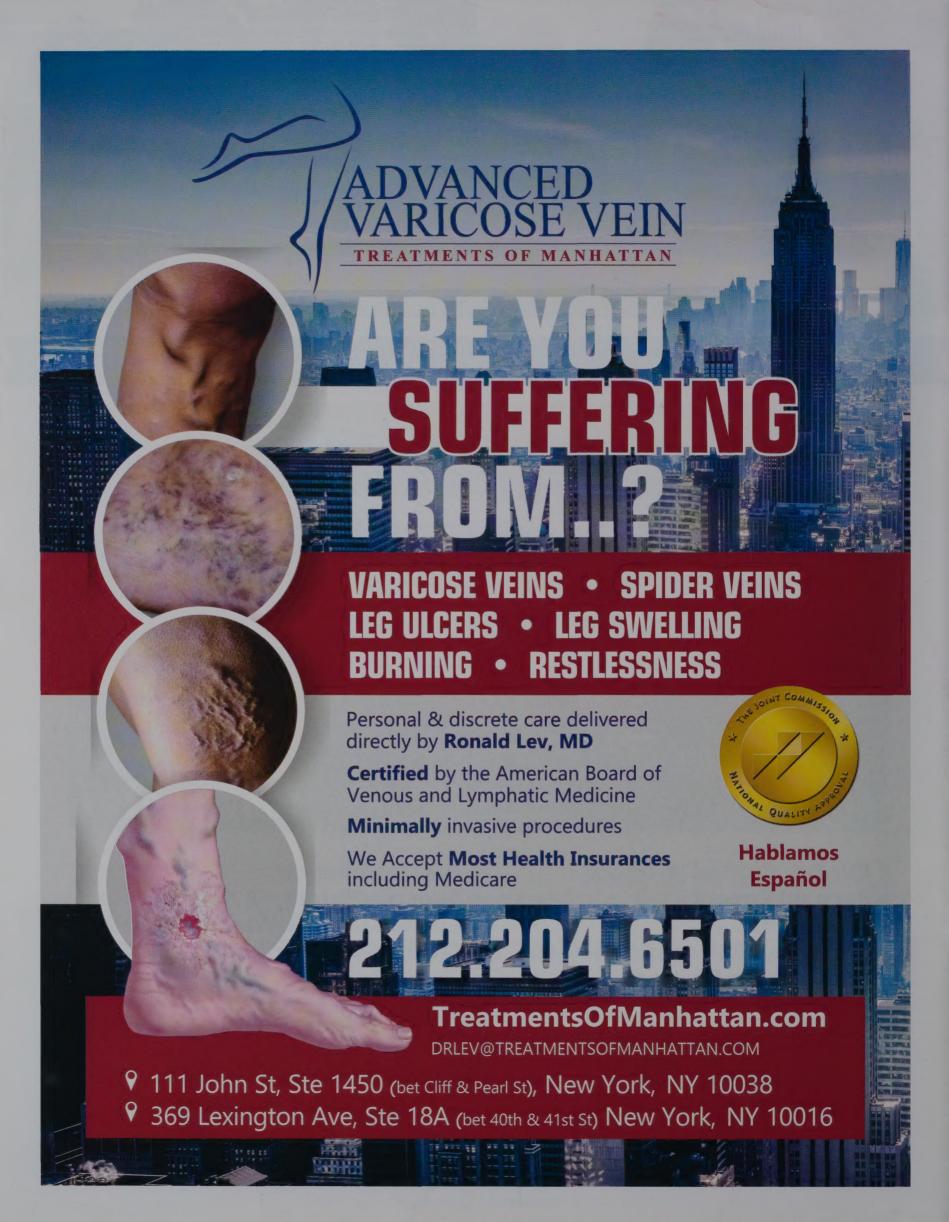
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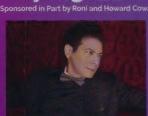
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